

Thos Gould
his Book

Licens'd and Enter'd according
to Order.



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Thos Gould



Behold me ready Arm'd, prepar'd to fight
'Gainst all Opposers, both by Day and Night;
And when plain Force no longer will hold out,
By Cunning Sleights I'll work my Ends about.

THE
Scotch Rogue :

OR, THE
LIFE and ACTIONS
OF
Donald Macdonald

A High-Land Scot :

PART II.

Relating his Introduction into the Society of High-Way-Men, the Robberies he committed amongst them; and how he was made Captain of the Gang. His being Taken, Try'd, and Condemn'd at *Edinburgh*: His being Pardon'd and sent into the King's Service: His account of the Scots Military Discipline, and the Exerceese of the Lang-Goon, &c. Intermixt with the rest of his Love-Intrigues, and Debaucheries, with an Account of his Extraordinary Wit and Courage in all his Villanies and Adventures.

*By Sin and Vice still more and more betray'd
See here the further Progress he has made,
In wicked Ways; which tho' with so much Art
He carries on, at last will make him smart:
For tho' at first Sin's Sweets we only feel,
Its Pois'nous Sting still follows at the Heel.*

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nald Macdonald a High-Land
Robber.

PART II.

CHAP. I.

*Relating his Introduction into the Society of
Thieves; his first Adventure amongst them,
upon a Country Squire; and how he out-
witted both the Parson, the Clerk and his
Wife; with whom he purchased a Nights
Lodging against her own Knowledge.*

BEING thus way-lay'd and tra-
pann'd by a Parcel of Robbers,
and under the Promise of be-
coming a new Member of their Society,
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being carried along with them to an adjoining Inn (as I have related in the Conclusion of the first Part of my Adventures) when the bountiful Glasses had gone plentifully round; the Liquor had soft'ned the Distance and Asperity of our Tempers, and every one seem'd to have turn'd down sufficient Blood into his Veins, so as now to have some Quantity to spare, and spend in fresh Engagements; The Captain of the dark Cabal having first had the Civility to move my Health round the Table, pursu'd his Liberality in such Language as this: Friend, says he, Don't imagine, Though our Profession pass under a general Disrepute, and our Course of Life be esteem'd Scandalous and Disgraceful by the Severer and more Phantical Part of Mankind, that we have no Order and Decorum observed in our Republick; on the contrary, If you intend to share in the Advantages of our Body Politick, there are several Decrees and Orders, to which we must in the first place require your Subscription; to which if you scruple not to take an Oath, then in Reality may you
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be reckoned one of our Number, and may expect that all your Days shall be Crowned with the greatest Happiness, Affluence, and Satisfaction; But if thro' the appearing Severity of the Orders imposed, you should have the Hardiness to stand off and with-hold to pay your Subscription; this, says he, Sirrah; (here cocking his Pistol, and clapping it cross the Table, directly across my Breast) must for our own security, dispatch you out of our Company—Begging your Worships Generous Pardon, Noble Captain, says I, pray, if a Man may be so bold, what are those Orders and Commands which must initiate me into your Society? For as our Country Proverb has it, *'Tis but Reason guide we Ken the Dyke ere we tak it*; and tis no seeming Difficulty, or the Hardness of Conditions, which shall make me dispute the Authority of your Commands.

Upon this, a large Parchment Scroll was produc'd, containing the dark Foundations of their Hellish Commonwealth, and wherein all the Orders of their Society were decypher'd; which the Captain delivering to the muckle Priest of
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their Fraternity, he ascending a Tripod, began *Viva Voce* to report the important Contents of the Paper. The chief of which were as follows :

1. Ready Obedience and Non-Resistance to the Captain in all Commands, how unreasonable soever.

2. He that starts a Case of Conscience, or Boggles at any Difficulties upon the Account of Religion, shall be pistoll'd to Death.

3. He that spares any Man's Life where there is Money in the Wind, out of that Canting, Whining Principle called *Mercy*, shall infallibly swing at the next Tree that offers.

4. That Every Member of the Society should contribute his utmost in any Encounter or Engagement.

5. That none presume to absent himself from the general Meetings, the Particulars of which the Captain shall appoint.

6. Rather to suffer the utmost Torments, or even Death it self, than to be squeez'd into any Confessions disadvantageous to the Company.

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7. Whoever is caught saying his Prayers, or with any Godly Books about him, that we may take him in a good Mood, shall be dispatched out of Hand.

8. Never decline engaging a Company of Men, so long as the Adversaries don't exceed our Number.

9. To conceal or with-hold no Part of a Booty from the rest of the Company.

10. To give Relief and Assistance to one another, under Imprisonment, or any other Calamity.

11. That if upon any account we desired to leave the Company, Horse, Pistols, and Boots should be surrendered to the Captain; and that as to our Brethren, we should for ever hold our Peace.

In short, the Orders being read over, and having declared my self ready to subscribe, and become their humble Servant in the least Punctilio, Reserving however to my self the Freedom in the mean time of interpreting each Command after my particular way, or according to the Variety of Occasions

should present (for since the severest Orders of Religionists amongst us don't scruple to tke Refuge in the Double-Meaning and Ambodexter of an Oath, why should Men of my Profession make Bones of indulging our selves the same, Liberty and Unconfinement?) When I had set my Hand to the Paper, (for tho' I say it, I might have learnt to draw up Articles if I had pleased, nay and if my Genius would have permitted it, to have cast Accompts too) I say so soon as I had subscribed the Orders of the Society, the Captain thought convenient that we should all disband the Inn for the Entertainments of the Road; and accordingly having discharged the Reckoning, and having first taken Horse, we set out in pursuit of Game upon the Kings High-Way: Where we were no sooner arriv'd, but having travailed on forward to a little Village called *Levin-Castle*, our Number being by the Captains Order dispersed into three Companies, and my self and my Fellow-Murthereer being sent the foremost of the *Caravan*.

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When we we were got as far out the Village, as a Countrey Carrier's Horses use to out-skip their Master, or a Pocket-drain'd Apprentice who hath bilk'd a Hackney Coach Man for the most part scampers, before he dares look behind him; when to the great Exultation of our Decimating Inclinations, we beheld a Country Squire trotting upon the Turff, and erected in as much Unconcernedness and State, as if there had been no Mischief near him: For my part, I was as much Transported with the Discovery, as if I had found out the *Perpetual Motion*, or arriv'd within two Degrees of the *Philosopher's Stone*: For consider'd I with my self, here is a fair Opportunity of Demonstrating my Valour, and of shewing my new Companion what a Proficient I am in the Science of the Road: My dear Brother, says I, be so kind as to suffer me to untower yon Woodcock, and to present you with his Feathers; do you saunter leisurely and unconcernedly upon the Pace, whilst I give my self the Satisfaction of his Blood or Furniture. The Matter was agreed upon, and away I rode in
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pursuit of Preferment; till at length having strain'd up to my Predecessor's Horse-Heels, and saluting him with *A good Day to you, Sir*; Pray how far do you design to travel this Road? My Intentions, says he, are for *Dunkell*; for having lately Marry'd a Lady of great Reputation, I intend to furnish my self with all things necessary and agreeable to her Quality, and in short not unworthy of my own; for you must know, Sir, I am descended from no ordinary Lineage, my great Grandfather being reckoned in the List of the Nobles, and I my self, you see, am not contemptibly Accoutred: Sir, I am glad, says I, to hear you are going to *Dunkell*; for my Concerns at present carry me to the same Place too, and since I see you are well armed against Accidents that may happen, I am extreamly glad that I have stumbled upon your Company; for these ways I am told are dangerous to Travellers; and 'tis not safe Journeying these desert Lanes alone; which was the reason that I took the Boldness to make up into your Discourse: For having at present a considerable Sum of Monies about

about me, and perceiving by your Garb that you were a Gentleman well descended, I thought it wou'd be safer to travel in a Body, than alone and by ourselves; and this was the Reason, Sir, why I presumed to make up into your Foot-steps. As to the Rogues, says he, Pray never be disturb'd about them; I wish they wou'd attempt any Exploits upon me: I believe I should give them reason to repent their Hardiness; I am furnish'd you see here, Sir, with two Trusty Pistols, and I can immediately put them into a Vein for Execution; I almost long to have an Opportunity of Engaging the Rascals, that you might see how safe you are in my Company; Perhaps, says he, you are not accustomed to these Conflicts upon the Road, but for my part I have been trained up to it, as I may say, from a Child; and I have been almost from the Days of my Infancy a Traveller; and am now too well versed in them to be afraid of their Surprizes. Well, said I, 'tis happy for me that I have so well-mettled a Shoulder-Shield as you are, tho' I believe I should be found to be no Starter neither. At last,
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having drawn out my Hanger to put my Design in Execution, and making up to him with an Air of the greatest Severity and Displeasure, guarding his Horse's Head, I gave him so furly and unceremonious a Gash in the Tip of his Left Shoulder, as if I had been going to knock down an Ox at a Stroke, or to dispatch some common Monster that infested the Country, which made him partly out of Pain, and partly out of Apprehension of what was to succeed, to Roar out to that Excess, as if he would have alarmed the whole Country into his Quarrel, which I apprehending he rather did with that Design, than out of any intollerable grievance in the wound, to requite his self-defending Inclination as well as I could, I immediately drew forth a charged Pistol I had about me, and setting it to his Breast, Sirrah, says I, without Demur or Ceremony, deliver up your Monies. I am a Robber, you Rogue, a Master of the Road; If you have any Mind to redeem your Life at the expence of your Money, Come, make haste and surrender it; otherwise you may expect to drop upon the

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the Spot: My Country Squire's Completion having undergone a sudden Change, and observing himself now not to be above a Finger's-breadth from Death, he began to imagine that if he were not dispatchful, I might take Occasion to let fly upon his Mortality, and to deprive his young Lady of Quality of her extraordinary Coxcomb, out of spite to his Bride, and being resolv'd not to humour her in so trifling a Concern as the Loss of his Life, he immediately with ready Hand produces a large Purse, stuffed with an agreeable ductile kind of Metal call'd *Gold*, which in a murmuring penitent Tone he deliver'd: Nay hold, says I, you know, Monkey of Quality, you have taken the Liberty to scatter many obloquious things upon the Lords of the Road, and to threaten that you would come even with them for some Freedoms of old; Now except you dismount your Horse-Hide out of hand, and cry Penitence to all the Honourable and Victorious Fraternity, 'tis not your Presents of Gold that shall protect your Person; for Honour, Sirrah, is dearer to a Man of Honour, than his Life. Well, I am willing, says he,

he, in a Cowardly Whining Tone, to purchase your Favour and Reconciliation at any Rate whatsoever ; and if you will be pleased to spare my Life, to recant whatsoever I have said to the Disadvantage of your Companions ; for in earnest, I only spoke it out of a Vein of Bravery, and thinking to recommend my self to your good Opinion. Being extremely disgusted at his nauseous Submissions, I could not but look upon him with the veriest Contempt, and therefore giving him a hearty Remembrancer on the Middle Part of his Back, together with a Charge to have a Purse of double Value at my Service upon his Return : Almost asham'd of my own Conquests, I forsook the Flourishing Impertinent, and return'd to my Companion to report the good Tydings : Meeting my Brother upon the Trot, I began to examine the spoils that I had gather'd in the late terrible Engagement, and finding the Moneys to amount to 100 Guinea's, I cou'd not but extreemly congratulate my good Destiny ; however I was unwilling to own what a sorry pusillanimous Wretch was the Proprietor, and there-

wherefore altering my Story as best suited to my Advantage, I pretended to my Companion that the Purse had been the Dispute of a very hazardous Conflict, and that 'twas hard to find a Gentleman train'd up to so much Courage; however, says I, I had the Fortune to come off with an entire Skin; tho' I question whether my Adversary will carry his Arm to his Journey's End: My Brother in Iniquity was so transported with the Prize, that he was not over-solicitous to hear the Circumstances of the Encounter, and therefore without more Ceremony, we rode back to the old Inn, where the Captain had appointed the Assignment the same Evening, where being arrived, without hearing of either of our other Companies (for it seems they had been so Politick as to take different Roads) we immediately set upon relieving our late Fatigues with a short Whet of the Creature, and a Refreshing Collation of Nappy Ale. Thus as we were driving away the Cares of Conscience and Apprehension, and softning the late Difficulties of our hazardous Engagement, happening to cast my Eye thro

thro an accidental Cranny of the Chamber-Door, I observed a Man in Gray, and a very fine Gentlewoman discoursing it with great Earnestness in the Adjoining Chamber: *This Night*, says she, *will be very proper to renew our Pleasures, You know my Husband's Custom when any Burials happen, is to get a Glass of the Sensitive too much in his Head; this Night therefore we may conclude he will run beside the Canonical Cushion, now it will be your Business, when you are in the Ale-House, to take Care of him, and if he should happen to be Over-loaded to conduct him home; resolving therefore to detain him till after Ten in the Evening; I'll order Matters so, that I will be gone to Bed; and my Husband shall be disposed of to a different Chamber; so that we shall have the fairer Opportunity to pursue our Pastime: Madam, returned the Man in gray, I shall endeavour to serve you upon all Occasions, and punctually obey your very acceptable Commands. So having drank a Glass or Two by way of Health to their Undertaking, they abandon'd the Room, and took several Streets. Thus having luckily over-heard all the Amorous Conference, and being fir'd with an extraordinary*

ordinary Passion for the unknown Gentlewoman's incomparable Beauty, I bent my Wits all the Ways I cou'd possibly devise to inquire out the two Persons who had made the Affignation ; and leaving the Room, as I told my Companion, for the Convenience of the Vault, I took the Maid of the Inn aside, and asked her carelessly, who that Lady was that was just gone out of the House ? Her Name, she told me, was Madam *Dalkeith*, and that the Man in Gray with her, was the Clerk of the Parish ; and her Husband the Parson that over-saw the same ; she told me, over and above, that there was to be a great Burying the same Day in Town ; and that in the Evening, in all Likelihood I might have the Satisfaction of seeing and discoursing with the Minister himself, it being his Practice upon such Occasions, when the Ceremony was over, to come in Company with the Clerk, and to refresh himself till pretty late in the Evening. When the Girl was concluding the last Sentence of her Discourse, we heard a Company of Four or Five come Riding up with great Briskness, and make a Stop

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at the Inn ; which looking out, I observed to be the Captain and his Companions ; Breaking off my Dialogue with the Chamber-Maid, I immediately went out and saluted the Captain with the rest of his Brotherhood, and with my Companion, so called in a particular sense, we took a private Room to Report the late Successes of our Victorious Adventures, and to concert about Matters of the highest Consequence : In the first place with great Officiousness I produc'd my Golden Purse, relating the whole Engagement, tho' not wholly as it happened ; upon which the Captain being struck with a delightful Astonishment at the Quantity of the Spoils, and more with the heightning Circumstances I superadded to the Relation ; embraced me in his Arms, and fell to dividing the Conquest into several Portions, of which I think I got the largest Share : After which, the Captain and the Men that attended his Company, told us they Robb'd a Country Farmer betwixt *Kintoll* and *Tulibardin*, of the Sum of ten Pounds, which they produced in open View, and that they were sorry upon
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second Thoughts, that they did not dispatch him; because he seem'd to be upon the Latter part of his Journey, and they imagined he would take up his Quarters at *Dunblain* that Night; so that if he should happen to make any sedulous Enquiry after them, they might be found out and discovered: I encouraged the Captain to lay aside all such Thoughts, telling him that Fortune was always generous to the Bold, that it was but Folly to anticipate Misfortunes to come, and that in all probability, the Country Farmer wou'd be so glad that he had carried off his Carcass, that he wou'd never have the Heart or Boldness to make a farther Enquiry; so having washed down these Melancholy Apprehensions with nappy Stingo, and having the Satisfaction to see my self more Hardy and better steel'd than the Captain himself, we presently perceiv'd our selves as Jovial and Unapprehensive as a Parcel of Beggars; whereupon one of our Company, a Courageous Daring Fellow, when he began to feel the Power and Inspiration of the Bottle, to drive our rising Spirits to the utmost Height of Extravagance and

and Bravery, introduced a merry Catch,
which he sung in Commemoration of
the Robber's Profession :

*Whilst every Vile Subject of every Blind Nation,
Submit to the General Curse o'th' Creation,
And to get themselves Barley-Bread, Whipp, and
(Lobscowse,
Condescend like tame Slaves, to the Sweat of their
(Brows :
Whilst the Farmer toils hard from the first streaks of
(Light,
For a Dinner at Noon, or a Supper at Night,
And to stuff with good Sterling, (for us) his large
(Purses,
Works himself, Supple Villain ! as hard as his Horses.
We ROBBER S, a far more Illumined Race,
Both at Ease and in Plenty, Life's stormy Seas pals :
What perhaps the poor Hind has cost as many Win-
(ters }
To rake up, as wou'd run out his Son Jack's Inden-
(tures, }
We lug off in less than a Couple of Ventures.
Of what the Squire, by being born, is Proprietour
(grown,
By his Mother's hard Labour, tho' not by his own,
When my young Master ventures to take the fresh Air,
And rides out to his Doxies, or some Country Fair,
Opportunely we seize him, and leave him as Bare,
As perhaps his Great-Grandfather's Ancestors were,
Then flying the Pert Saucy Inquisitives Enpassant,
For our Ease we repair to some by Inn adjacent,
Where in Brimmers of Claret our Spirits we fire,
And our Souls for fresh Game and Adventures inspire.*

By the time that the Musical Prædator had finished his Roundelay in Honour of the Memory of our inordinate Trade, and every consenting Brother-Sinner had given his Applause in an universal Hum, the frowning Skies began to darken, and Night drew on apace; which put me in mind of the Assignment the Parson's Wife, had lately made with the Clerk of the Parish; which I had a great Inclination to disappoint if I could, and to conjure my self for once into the Clerk's Character: Observing therefore that the greatest Part of our Illegitimate Company were so far sunk in their Cups, that they were unable to dog a Man in the Pursuit of such an Intrigue, or even to observe, or at least remember my Absence; going to look upon the Wall, I took the Boldness to abandon their sottish Company, and went to sport my self with greater Freedom in the Conversation of the Maid's; and passing thro' the Common Room into the Kitchen, I observed the Parson and Clerk very Evangelically Topping it over a Quart-Pot of Ale; so when I had made *Abigail* my Friend, by Feeding her
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with an Half-Crown-Piece in the Hand, and secured her Fidelity and Assistance in all Occasions intervening; as also inquired of her with great exactness the particular Place of the Fuddle-cap's Residence; the next advance of my Intrigue, was to wind my self handsomly into the Company of the Dark-Vested Relatives: Pretty Maid, says I (aloud that they might hear me) did you hear the strange News which is lately come out? What is that pray, says she, I have not heard a Word of it? Why it is confidently reported in our freshest and most Authentick Advices from *Barcelona*, that the Pope is lately turn'd Presbyterian Parson, and that he had turn'd St. Peter's Church into a Meeting-House: What's that, pray Sir, says the Ecclesiastical Liquor-Sucker, and started up as fierce as if he had been going to divide a Text, or to say Grace over a Pudding, or a Collation of Tythe-Eggs. Why it is reported in our Letters to a Friend from *Barcelona*, that the Pope hath taken upon him the Character of your Profession, and turn'd St. Peter's Church into the Form of a Meeting-House:

House: Well but Sir, pray let's hear the whole Circumstances of the History; this is the strangest and the best News I ever heard in all my Life: Well my most humble Service to you: The Pope turn'd Minister, and Nonconformist too! Well, the certain Preface of the overthrow of *Babylon*; take my word for it, Antichrist has not long to reign: Well, to morrow Morning, says I, I don't know but I may procure you the private Letter which gives this Account: Verily I shall be most E-verlastingly oblig'd to you; the subtle Clerk cry'd *Amen* to each Punctilio of the Relation, and wish'd that the History might prove true: Why the Relation is as infallible as the Pope pretends to be, and we shall presently see a quite different Face of Affairs. Having thus by my Wheedling, Canting, and Pleasant Crotchets insinuated my self into the old Gentleman's Inclinations, the next Step of my Adventure was to drink down the Clerk; and to out-wit, as I may say, the Fellow that out-witted, committing it therefore to the Clerk to see to the Inebriation of his Spiritual Master's Sermon Pan,

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the next thing I went about, was to over-reach, if I cou'd, the Spiritual Cuckold-Maker; after therefore we had taken down half a Dozen Quarts of Barley, which I foresaw for my good News, wou'd be the Anti-Prelate's Treat, I told the Gentleman, if he thought fit, I had a Glas of Wine at his Service: I believe he had no more Power not to accept the Proposal, than he had to turn away a well flushed Couple that were to be Married, tho' for want of a Publication of the Bans of Matrimony; making therefore as many Hums and Ha's as a young Woman wou'd do ere she parts with her Virginity; I am afraid Sir, says he, it may put you to too great Expences; But—*Angail*——In short the Proposal being call'd for, and several Glasses having gone round, the enliven'd Parson began to talk as if he had never heard Syllable of either *Peter* or *Paul*; and the Clerk, who was his *Eccob* upon other Occasions, did not fail to answer him with some Hopefulness in this particular; and I am apt to think the Parson's Skull will prove the Hardest of the two; in short, the other Bottl
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being call'd for, and having circulated round, the old Retainer to the Cassock, and the young Stallion in design, began to use their Tongues at the rate that a Quaker manages a Snuff-Box, or a Beaux a Tobacco-Pipe; particularly the Clerk became very drunk, insomuch that in the extravagant Intervals of his Discourse, he could scarcely with-hold from twitting the Parson; nay, so much Impudence had he in Conlusion, as to tell his Master that both he and all his House were entirely at his Devotion, and that he could nose him in a String if he had a mind to it; in short he did little less than acquaint him that all the Members of his Family were of *his* Begetting, and that unless he would be very civil, he could play him a Trick: Why *John* what's the Matter now, cries the Maudlin Sacerdotal Cuckold, Methinks you begin to advance into your Altitudes; Is this all the Recompence and Satisfaction you return me for the Honour of conversing with me? In short the Parson having turn'd off the Discourse with several Shreds of *Latin* Sentences, as *Nemo Mortalium omnibus Horis sapit*, and *Qui*

non Ebrietas? and several Quotations of Authors, as seem'd to make it clear that *John* was condemn'd by the Commentators in this Particular. Having privately moved to the Parson, that *John* should be put to Bed, as being unfit to keep us Company any longer, and having without much Importunity obtain'd his Consent, and discoursed the Matter with the Maid, *John* being now not in a Condition to reject any Proposals, I took him lovingly by the Arm, and conducted him to his Appartment: The Coast being now clear, I returned to my Spiritual Associate, for the Coronation of this Interview, and having now replenished him with as much Liquid Measure as his Belly would well hold, and not without the Maid's Knowledge (all the rest being gone to Bed) I dress'd my self in the Clerk's Cloaths, all being dark and silent, for the Accomplishment of my Undertaking, I prevailed with the agreeable Doctor to break up the Sessions, telling him I cared not if I took the trouble to accompany him to his Lodgings: seeing therefore that he had neither so much Under-
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derstanding left, as either to reject or to comply with me, I presumed to take him by the Arm, and to lead him out into the Street; and being arrived by the Maid's Directions to the Canonnicall Dome, I took the Liberty to knock for Admittance; whereupon the Servant rose and open'd the Door, and conducting us in the Dark thro' the Entry (as I suppose by her Mistresses Directions) and turning her Master into a Chamber, she told me I might lye in the Parlour that Night: To which being led the Way (for tho' I confess I was the Clerk, yet I might very easily be suppos'd to be so drunk in such Company, as to have forgot a Passage which I had travell'd so often) when I arriv'd at Madam's Bed, it seems she lay with such Expectation that she immediately saluted me in most engaging Expressions; Come, my Dear, says she, what made you delay our Bliss by tarrying so long at the Ale-House? I suppose *his* Business might have been dispatch'd a long while ere this: As she talk'd, I cry'd Husht, to make her believe I was apprehensive of the old Gentleman, tho' indeed I was

afraid of letting her hear my Voice,
However to secure the main Chance,
being got between the Sheets: I fell a
Buffing her Holy Lips with an extasy
and Amorous Violence, that in return
of the Civility she unbar'd her lovely
Neck of the Incumbrances of her Smock,
and laid so soft and panting a pair of
Globes over my entranced Bosom, that
methought new Life and Vigour started
into my Veins; my Spirits danced like
Gun-Powder, and every Artery in my
Composition seem'd erected for the
Undertaking: In short from each swelling
Sigh which she discharged from her
heaving Nipples against my beating
Heart, my Flames gather'd Air and
Breath, and my Passion seem'd to swell
to the greater Transport; so that for fear
of Performing the Amorous Office before
the time, I immediately embraced
her soft and yielding Body within my
Arms, and fell to the Conflict with that
Eagerness, that to keep Pace with me,
Gentle Nymph! She was forc'd to run
her self almost out of Breath: Being
therefore willing to stay for the Satisfaction
of her Company, I was prevail'd
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upon to intermit the Reiteration of our Enjoyments : Feeling therefore from the reporting Pulses of her Breasts, that she was furnished with sufficient Breath to ride out the other Career, I forthwith put my Foot in the Stirrup, and away for fresh Discoveries; thus we continued to renew our Satisfaction several times, and indeed what put me upon making the utmost Boast of my Strength was to prevent her from starting several Intervals of Discourse; by which means I foresaw my Intrigue would be discovered; and my soft Combatant diverted into new Jealousies and Suspicions; Having therefore given the utmost Demonstration of my Abilities, and exhausted my yielding Queen of the Furniture of the greatest part of her Concupiscence, laying my Hairy Cheek upon the Downy Pillows of her heaving and subsiding Couple of warm Bubbies, to prevent needless discourse, fell as Miraculously asleep, as if I had taken a pretty sufficient Quantity of *Opium*, which she perceiving, laid her Arm over my reclining Neck, and fell a dreaming over the late Conflict of

our Affections ; however perceiving that it would be dangerous for me to close my Eyes, lest I should happen to oversleep my self the next Morning, I took Care to be Dog-drousy till the Cocks took the Opportnniy to Repeat the approaching Arrival of Day, when my Princess being very seasonably upon the Snore, softly disengaging my self from the Implication of her entrancing Embraces, with what little Noise I cou'd I slipt to the Chamber-Floor, where *Induing* the Clerk's Habit only with that Curiosity, that it wou'd stick about me, I abandoned the Room, and fell a groping the Way to some convenient Outlet ; when, as I came out of the Parlor, happening to take the wrong Course, my Foot gave a surly salute to a resounding Piggins of Water, which propagated my Mistake thro' every Room of the House, and rung such a noisy Peal in the Drunken Parson's Ears, that I was afraid he wou'd mistake it for the Bell for Morning Prayers ; nay, moreover as I struck the Vocal Machine with my Toe, my Body unfortunately happening not to be placed *in Equilibrio*, I unhappily

pily inclined with both my Arms into the Vessel, and slipping in above the Elbows, examin'd the bottom of the Ill-contrived Utensil's Capacity ; by this means the Clerk's Arms became dropping wet, and as I offer'd to make backward toward the other side of the House, the Water trickled from the consecrated Doublet in that abundance, that a blind Man might have easily followed by the Noise ; however the Parson's last Night's Debauch had given so Soporiferous an Inclination to his Head, that if the House had been falling, it had been much at one ; and my fair Bedfellow was so over-charged with the Magick-Pills I had given her, that she slept as heartily as a Swallow in *December*, so that taking fresh Heart from my late Misfortunes, and groping on to grope out, I happened to pass into a Chamber at the other end of the Edifice, (for I thought it somewhat prudent to get as far off from the Piggin-Store-House as I could) examining the Wall along, at last I arriv'd at a Truckle Bed, which I now concluded for all my Villanies was most undoubtedly the Parson's, I har-

kned with great Erectment of Ears and Curiosity, if I cou'd distinguish his particular Snore; but observing that the returns of Breath were more gentle, and rather of one that seem'd to feed upon Water-Gruel than Tythe-Commodities, I made up to it with the greater Courage, concluding it to be the Apartment of the Maid, so that with little Circumstance having wak'd her, and acquainted her with my Errand; who's that? says she, *John*? I left the the Key purposely in the Door, that you might the better get out: Well, says I, If you did, some body or other has remov'd it: With that I fell upon her warm Lips with that eagerness and passionate Hunger, that she wreathed to disentangle herself from my encircling Arms, and finding that she could have no other Refuge from the Persecution of my Embraces, than by putting on her Cloaths, she slippt her Petticoat over her Shoulders, and kindly attended me to the Door, where endeavouring to detain her for a for a more curious Examination of her specifical little Circumstances, she proved so impatient under the Perusal, that
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turning the Key she immediately thrust me out of the House ; which I confess I was the rather contented to submit to, because I felt an unwholsome Flavour rise from the unperfumed Region of her Arm-pits ; so that now having given the last Stroke to my Adventure, I thought I had accomplished all my Inclination, and therefore having for a while had the Patience, at the Door to undergo the sharp Invasions of the Morning-Air, which I felt after my Night's Revels, created me a Stomach, when the first Streaks of Day-break began to start from the East, and the guiding Rays of *Phæbus* shew'd me back to the Inn, having in the first place knocked up *Abigail*, and saunter'd a while up and down the House, when I had put off the Clerk's Habilitments and reassum'd my own, I sat me down by the Fire-side, where *Abigail* having provided me a refreshing Morning-Poffet, we toasted our Noses most egregiously ; and she without asking any Questions, went to return the Clerk's upper Garment into the Situation of his Vest, who it seems sleeping profoundly, all the Adventure was accom-

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complished, the Parson's Cuckoldom renewed, the Clerk supplanted, and I my self the happy Instrument of all this.

*Thus Vices, as it were, are hung on Chains,
As he that slides, fresh Speed from Motion gains ;
One lawless Action draws another on.
The farther, still, in Sin, we faster run ;
Yet though the Country-Squire be plum'd and drain'd,
And a young Heir the soaking Priest have gain'd ;
Fresh Plots and Robberies shall my Thoughts engage,
For Youth's Gay Itch is heal'd by Wiser Age.*

CHAP. II.

He proceeds to give an Account of his Robbing two County-Men, and how : He goes out with the Captain and his Gang, and sets upon the Lord Viscount Kil—th's Coach, robs it of 350l. Kills one of his Gentlemen; they are taken at Edinburgh, and committed Prisoners to the Tolbooth : His Melancholy Reflections upon himself, while a Prisoner there.

AFTER my Adventure with the Parson's Wife, and having refresh'd my self with the Posset that *Abigail*

gail had provided for me, I found my self in a condition to gratifie my somniferous Senses ; But just as I was falling asleep, comes down into the Kitchen two rustick Travellers, who had lain there that Night, and were preparing to go on their Journey that Morning : Says *Abigail* to 'em (for they saw not me who had sat in a Nook of the Chimney Corner undiscover'd) what makes you rise so early this Morning ? Marry, said he, because I have a great Charge of Money about me ; and I know there's a great many false Loons in the World, but they are generally such as sit up late at Night, and lie long abed in the Morning, and that's the best time for me to travel in, for then I shall be shut of 'em, and I'll ne care for their Company, that's true too. And truly, said the Maid, I think you're in the right of it, especially if you carry any great Sum : Why, said he, I've a hundred Pound Scots, and that's too much to leese. I was very glad to hear he was so well stor'd ; and so took care to keep out of sight, till he was gone into the Stable ; and then I got up Stairs, and acquainted our Captain

tain what I had heard, and he thereupon order'd one of our Company and myself to go after him, which we accordingly did; and coming up with them, I ask'd them which way they were bound? they answer'd, towards *Sterling*: I told 'em so were we, and should be glad of their Company. But I perceiv'd they were not very fond ours; for they told us, Their Horses were dull, and cou'dn't go so fast as ours: I told 'em I perceiv'd they were too heavy loaded, but I could easily make their Burdens lighter; and so riding up to him that I perceiv'd had the Money, I put my Pistol to his Breast, and told him I'd carry his Money for him, and so bid him deliver it, or he was a dead Man; upon which the Bumkin fell a begging and praying I'd do him no hurt, and I shou'd have it; in the mean time, the other put Spurs to his Horse, and rid as fast as he could gallop: but my Companion soon overtook him, and having search'd him, and took what he had (which was but 20 *l.* Scots) we took his Horses Bridle away, bound the Man, and set the Horse at liberty, and so
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crossing the Country, we went back again to *Dunblain*; and there having met with the Captain and the rest of our Fraternity we gave an account of our Atchievements, and produc'd our Prize, which was shared amongst us.

After we had enjoyed our selves at our Inn the best part of the Day, a Council was Call'd, wherein the great Question of what we were to do next, was debated; and there it was resolved, that in Imitation of our Grand Master, the Devil, we should all get upon the Road, and there see whom we could devour: Accordingly we took Horse, and rid out, divided as we did before, several ways, well Arm'd, and with each man his Vizor Mask to clap on upon Occasion: For besides that those Masks kept us from being known, the hideous Form strook Terror into the Hearts of those we assail'd; and when their Hearts were fill'd with Fear, their Hands grew quickly weak, and so became the easier Prey.

In the division that was this Day made by our Captain, I was selected out to be his Companion, which I was very proud of, as having a mind he shou'd be an
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Eye-Witness of my Prowess. We had not been long in quest of a Prize, before we met with a Coach and six Horses, with three Gentlemen riding behind it well arm'd: Ah! said I to the Captain, had we but two more of our Gang here, here we might have a Prize worth the contending for: These Gentlemen don't travel without Money: True, said the Captain, but we want Help to manage 'em. He had no sooner spoke, but I hearing of some Noise behind us, I look'd back and saw our other Four Companions riding after us; upon which we made a halt, and let them overtake us: Being come up with us, we ask'd them how they came to joyn, and for to follow us: They answer'd, That having been inform'd by a Country-Man that the Lord Viscount of Kil—ib was going up to *Edenburgh*, with a good Sum of Money; and knowing you were gone this Way, we follow'd to enable you to make a stand upon 'em. We were very glad at this lucky Meeting: So we consulted in what manner we shou'd attack 'em; and it was agreed, that I shou'd go first before, and stop the Coach, cutting the
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Harnes; and then that two of 'em shou'd go on each side the Coach, and there keep all quiet, while the rest engag'd the three Gentlemen that were behind, and having master'd them shou'd proceed as we saw convenient.

Things being thus concerted, when we were pretty near the Coach, I rid up to the Postilion, and giving him a good Blow on the Head, I tumbl'd him down off his Horse to the Ground, and cut the Horse's Harnes, whilst the rest were as busie in seizing the Gentlemen behind; but the Captain, who was willing to be fingerin the Money, coming to the Boot of the Coach, and bidding them deliver, the Lord Kil—tb did so immediately; that is to say, he discharg'd a Blunderbuss full at the Captain, which shot him into the Shoulder, and another Bullet graz'd by the side of his Neck, and another into his right Breast, so that down he tumbl'd; upon which I immediately went to his rescue, and got him from under the Horse-Heels; and mounted him again; he told me he was much wounded, but he believ'd not mortally; Being enrag'd at the Mishap
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which had befallen my Captain, I rid up to the Coach with my Pistol ready cock'd, to revenge him ; and thereupon all in the Coach immediately cry'd out for Quarter ; at which time the Coach-Man, a huge two-handed Fellow, had like to have done my Business, coming upon me unawares ; but having a Glimpse of him, I turn'd about and laid him sprawling immediately : All this while the three Gentlemen were engag'd with my other three Comrades, and fought stoutly, but had certainly been worsted, had not I bid the other look to the Coach, and then coming up to the stoutest of the three, I gave him such a Push thro' the Body, as soon made him drop ; which when the other two saw, they surrender'd. When this was done, I went up to the Coach, and with a greater Presence of Mind than I thought I had been capable of, said, My Lord, you must first surrender your Arms, and then we must have your Money ; for that's the thing we want ; in order to which, I must desire your Lordship to come out of the Coach ; and then taking his Lordship by the Hand, I help'd him

him out, and having search'd the Seats, and found therein three hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling, my Companions were for searching my Lords Pockets, and two Ladies that were in the Coach : But I oppos'd it, saying, Gentlemen, We have what we expected, pray let's be civil to my Lord, and to these fair Ladies ; and with much ado perswaded them to let 'em alone : And so handing 'em into the Coach again, we were just taking our leaves, when my my Captain (who it seems was mortally wounded) call'd faintly to us, to tell us he was just a-dying, and that he resign'd his Place to me ; telling the rest, that I was the fittest to succeed him, and then desiring we wou'd take care to carry him off, and bury him privately , he pray'd God to forgive him his Sins, and so gave an Eternal Farewel to this Lunar World. The Captain's Death had like to have embroil'd us all in a fresh Quarel ; for they wou'd have been for revenging his Death upon our Prisoners ; but I declar'd my self absolutely against it, telling 'em, that I wou'd protect 'em to the last drop of my Blood ; pleading for 'em

'em, that what they did, was in their own defence; that it was we were the Aggressors, and not they; that it was enough we had taken away their Money, and that it would be a barbarous Cruelty to add Murder to Robbery. With these Words I pretty well pacify'd 'em; and so going to my Lord, and wishing him a good Journey to *Edenburgh*, we laid the dead Body upon the Horse, and so went off with the Booty.

The first thing we did (after we had left the Coach) was to dispose of the Body of our defunct Captain; which we decently buried in a Wood-Ground, and in spight of our Aversion to Popery, cou'dn't forbear praying (tho 'twas a thing we were n't us'd to) for the safety of his Soul, such an Ascendant had the Thoughts of another World over us, when we gave our selves leave to think.

The Captain buried, the next thing we had to do, was to choose another in his Place; to whose command we might be all subject; and tho' the preceding Captain nominated me, yet his Advice was not so binding, but they were left

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at their own Liberty. However their dead Captains Advice, and my Activity in the late Encounter, flung the Choice unanimously upon me, all that I cou'd say against it, not being able to make them alter their Minds.

Being thus confirm'd as Captain of the Gang, our next Business was to examine into our Booty, and then divide it; which being done, we found it rise according to our Expectation, but the great thing was, how we shou'd secure both that and our selves: for there was no doubt but the Robbery we had last Committed, being upon a Person of such Quality, wou'd make a great Noise, and cause a great Search.

In order therefore to secure our selves, I advis'd the going to *Edinburgh*, it being easier to hide our selves in the Crowd of that City, than it was in the Country, where we might be taken upon Suspicion, and without giving a good Account of our selves (which we were hardly able to do) committed to Prison, from whence it would be very hard to get clear. My Advice was approv'd by all, and as soon put in Execution; And
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so dividing our selves, having appointed a certain Place to meet at in *Edinburgh*, we parted, and each made the best of his way ; we thinking it better for each Man to go single. And so throwing away my Vizor-Mask, and putting on the best Appearance I cou'd of an honest Man, I rid soberly along the Road. And being overtook by a sober Gentleman, I thought it very proper to keep Company with him. He ask'd me from whence I came ? I told him from *Innerness*, for there I thought I cou'd give some good Account of my self: He ask'd me if I had heard of the great Robbery that was committed the Day before by six Highway-Men ? I answer'd, No, not I ; pray Sir, said I, how was it ? He there-upon told me all the Circumstances, with a great many Additions, for a Tale loses nothing by carrying: Telling me that tho' the Lord Viscount fought while he was able to stand, yet being over-pour'd by their Number, for they were all upon him, said he, he was forc'd at last to yield, having kill'd one downright, and mortally wounded another. But at last, says he, away rid the Rogues,

Rogues, and carry'd off a thousand Pound away with them. Altho' I knew what the Man said to be a Lye, yet I didn't think it wou'd be prudent in me to contradict him. But I ask'd him which Way they went, and whether he didn't think they wou'd be taken? No hang'em, says he, they're got up into the High-Lands, and there they'll be secure enough. I ask'd him how he knew that they were gone thither? He told me it was generally reported so. I was glad to hear they were of that Opinion, and thought we might be safer in *Edinburgh*, where the next Night we all safely arriv'd, and congratulated each other upon our good Success.

For two or three Days we walk'd about the City, and put our selves into a splendid Garb, as if we had been Gentlemen of Quality; but the the next Day after we came to *Edinburgh*, a Proclamation came out for the apprehending of five Highway-Men, who had robb'd the Viscount of *Sythe*, and kill'd one of his Gentlemen; promising a Reward of 50 *l.* Sterling for taking them, describing us as well as they cou'd by our Cloaths,
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(for our Faces they cou'd not see) and giving an Account that one of 'em had receiv'd a large Wound in his left shoulder: This Proclamation was a Fatal thing to us all: For putting our selves (as was said before) into a new Garb; when the Taylor brought home the Cloaths for *Duncan Hector*, as he was putting them on, he espy'd a Wound, with a Plaister over it in the left Shoulder; and the Cloaths being somewhat straight upon that Place, he complain'd of it to the Taylor, telling him he had been engag'd in a Duel with a Friend of his, against a Couple that had challeng'd them, and thereby receiv'd a Wound there, which was yet a little tender; the Taylor told him he must take the Garment home a little, to make it easie, and wou'd come with it again in half an Hours time. But instead of that, this Dog in a Doublet goes to the Provost, and procures a Warrant to apprehend him, as being one of the Robbers of the Lord *Kil—b's*: For that he had a Wound upon his left Shoulder; and comes in with the Officers of Justice, while we were all in the Room with him, who seiz'd

feiz'd not only him, but us all; and had us before the Provost, who finding we were able to bring none that knew us to appear for us, committed us all to the *Tolbooth*, Prisoners, till we cou'd give a better Account of our selves; being attended thither by the Mob of the whole City: But that which was worse than all this, was, that the Constable at the Instigation of that Treacherous Thief of a Taylor, caus'd all our Chambers to be lock'd up, and took the Keys to carry to the Magistrates; after he had taken a particular Care to secure us in the *Tolbooth*: by which means all our Money was feiz'd, and thereby a further Discovery made of our Guilt.

Being come to the *Tolbooth*, we were all put into distinct Apartments, so that we were deny'd the Consolation of having a Companion in our Misery, and condoling each other

The People of the Inn, having during the time that we were there, observed that the rest of my Companions paid some sort of Deference to me, as if I were the chief of 'em, came the next Day to give me me a Visit; and at the

same time gave me Counsel to provide for another World, assuring me that I had not long to live in this, the Magistrates, with some of the Lord *Kil—tb's* Men having been in our several Chambers, and had there found the Money which my Lord was robb'd of, and the very Bags which were mark'd by his Servants, when the Money was put up, and which they were ready to depone upon Oath; and that they had carried them all away with them; telling me that if they cou'd do any thing for me, wherein they might serve me, they wou'd readily do it.

I told them, I was oblig'd to 'em for their Civility; and that tho' I was at present under a Cloud, I might hereafter (as near as they thought I was to my end) find an Opportunity to requite their Kindness. I told 'em likewise, that I thought their Proceedings very extrajudicial, to send Men to Prison only for a supposed Breach of the Law, and then rife their Portmantua's while they were confin'd. But I did not doubt after all this, to vindicate my Innocency, and obtain a fair Trial.

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They very civilly wish'd, That if I were innocent, I might have a happy Delivery; and so having treated me with a Bottle of Wine, they left me.

I was too well assur'd by what they had told me, that now the time of Reckoning for all my Villanies drew near; and by reflecting upon what was past, I began to think on what a dismal Prospect was before me: I now began to wish I had kept Sheep at *Ardnaglass* till this time; for altho' poor, I might have yet been innocent; nor cou'd the Law have taken hold of me. I now too late consider'd, how wilfully I had rush'd upon my own Destruction: How Providence had several times repriev'd me from the wide gaping Jaws of Ruin and Destruction, and yet that I wou'd take no Warning: Then 'twas my Conscience loudly whisper'd to me, that tho' I saw my Fellow-Villains hang'd at *Aberdeen*, which was intended as a Warning to me, yet I refus'd to take it. But most of all it came into my Mind how barbarously I had treated my poor Wife, not only in that villanous Intrigue, manag'd with a Vertuous Lady, when

I had then a Wife so lovely, and so virtuous also, of my own to lie by. And being in a Place where I might long have liv'd at ease, in Credit and in Reputation ; I wou'd needs leave her, and seek new Adventures, and that meerly to become yet a greater and more notorious Villain. How happy was I (wou'd I oft cry out to my self) when I at *Innerness* lay circled i'th' chaste Arms of my beloved Wife, my dearest *Fenny Paterfon*, whom now I never shall behold again. These Thoughts wou'd sometimes draw Tears from my Eyes, in spite of all my Resolutions to the contrary. For well I knew, If my Lord's Servants knew the Bags, and knew their own Hand-Writing on 'em, it was impossible we shou'd be sav'd—Whilst I was thus bemoaning my hard Fate, my Keeper, and another Person unlock the Door, and comes into my Chamber whereupon the Stranger coming up to me, Sir, says he, the Lords of the Session will sit to morrow, and then your Trial will come on, of which I am by them order'd to give you Notice, that you may prepare your self for it.

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thank'd him kindly for his Civility, and told him I was ready then ; for Innocence wanted but little time for Preparation. And I afterwards understood by my Keeper, that my confident talking of my Innocence, made them (for all the Proof they had, it was my Lord of Kil—th's Money) suspicious they shou'd find it difficult to prove it upon me.

*See here the Fate that Robbers does attend,
They into Mischief rush, but never mind the End.
For tho' on th' Road so Valiant they appear ;
There's none that live in so much Slavish Fear :
And when they come to th' inside of a Goal,
The Thoughts of Justice does their Courage quail.
Then they begin their former Ways to rae,
And fear that Punishment that's to 'em due ;
When on the Gallows-Tree being suspended,
Their wretched Lives with Shame are quickly ended.*

CHAP. III.

He gives an Account of his and his Companion's Trials. The Defence he made for himself, and the Evidence that appear'd against him: They are all condemn'd to be hang'd. His Agonies under the Expectation of Death. He is reprieu'd at the Place of Execution, and his Companions hang'd. His wicked Life in Prison afterwards.

THE News of my Trial's coming on the next Day, was a little surprizing to me, tho' no more than what I expected: And tho' I carry'd it off with a shew of Courage and Resolution before my Keeper, my Mind was in an extream Confusion when I was alone: I wou'd have given any thing to have had a little Company to have diverted me; but was forc'd to be alone whether I wou'd or no: Sometimes I pray'd for Deliverance, and upon that Score was extravagant in my Promises of Reformation upon that Condition; tho' at the

the same time, to speak the truth, 'twas what I cou'dn't hope for. How the Minds of my Brethren in Iniquity were exerciz'd, I cann't tell, but for my own part, I had a Court of Judicature erected in my own Breast, where being summon'd before the Tribunal of impartial Justice, I was there cast and condemn'd; and this I look'd upon but as a fore-runner of what was to ensue the next Day.

The Day of Trial being come, my self and my Companions were brought before the Court, but were commanded to withdraw, all but *Duncan Hector*, (whose Wound in the Shoulder was the Occasion of all our being taken) and then we which were turn'd back, were all put apart from each other, that we might not confer together. *Duncan Hector* being charg'd with that Robbery, and confronted by the Gentleman that gave him that Wound, made but a very weak Defence, and so was quickly cast. *Alexander Crockat* was call'd next, and against him was produc'd a Bag, in which was his Share of the Money, written upon by one of my Lord *Kil-*

Gentlemen, who testify'd it was his own hand-writing, and that it contain'd an hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling : And *Crocket* having little to say, was likewise cast. The next was *James Moncrief*; against whom they had but little Evidence, but telling him he shou'd fare the better if he was ingenious, he confest himself guilty. The next was *David Hume*, who also had another of the Bags, and the Gentleman's Watch that was kill'd ; which was so plain an Evidence, that he was soon found guilty. My Turn came last ; and the indictment being read, the Evidence being call'd, who only affirm'd, that I was in company with the rest, and in his Chamber when he was taken ; that they afterwards search'd my Chamber, and found therein in Silver, 67*l.* 14*s.* and 6*d.* and in Gold, to the Value of 37*l.* and 18*s.* which they presum'd was part of the Money which my Lord Viscount *Kil—th* was robb'd of : But I knowing there was no Gold among that Money, ask'd the Viscounts Witnesses whether he had any Gold among his Money ? To which they answer'd as I knew they must,

must, No. Then Gentlemen, said I, seeing you found in my Chamber both Gold and and Silver, and the Witnesses depone that there was no Gold among their Money, how can my Money be said to be the Lord Viscount's, which, it seems by their Evidence, was all Silver? Encourag'd therefore by this Advantage, I pleaded thus:

My Lords, the Judges.

‘ I am here indicted for a Robbery of
‘ which I know nothing: I happen'd
‘ upon the Road to come into the Com-
‘ pany of four Gentlemen, with whom
‘ discoursing, as I came along, and un-
‘ derstanding they were bound for *Edin-*
‘ *burgh*, whither I also was going, I tra-
‘ vell'd along with them, and took up
‘ my Lodging at the same Inn where
‘ they did: And understanding that
‘ one of 'em had a new Suit come
‘ home that Morning, I came into
‘ his Chamber to take part of the Be-
‘ veridge he was going to pay for it.
‘ And at the same time the Officers of
‘ Justice, (for so I presume they were,
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‘ tho’ they did not deal very justly with
‘ me) took me along with them, for
‘ no other Crime, but happening to be
‘ then in their Chamber : My Key of
‘ my Door was presently wrested out
‘ of my Pockets, and my Portmantua
‘ was search’d, wherein they found a-
‘ bout 105 *l.* 4 *s.* 6 *d.* and this they will
‘ needs have to be my Lord Viscount’s
‘ Money, and accordingly was carried
‘ away, tho’ they have own’d my Lord’s
‘ Money had no Gold among it : Now
‘ if my Lords Money had no Gold a-
‘ mong it, I demand that Money back
‘ again ; for that’s mine without dis-
‘ pute.

Whereupon the Judges order’d me
my Gold again, and I was then in good
hope I shou’d have come off clear ; and
therefore I went on with my Defence
thus : ‘ My Lords, I beseech you con-
‘ sider that after they had ransack’d my
‘ Chamber, and Portmantua at their
‘ Pleasure, they cou’d find neither Pa-
‘ pers, Bags, nor any thing else, which
‘ they cou’d affirm to be my Lord’s ; and
‘ therefore why I shou’d be accounted
‘ one of his Robbers, I know not : I
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‘ humbly therefore desire I may be discharged, and the residue of my Money restor’d me.

Every body, as well as my self, I believe, thought I shou’d be acquitted. But to my utter Confusion, my Lord *Kil—th* himself desir’d he might be admitted as an Evidence; and being sworn, began as followeth:

My Lords,

‘ Upon that Day I was coming up to
‘ *Edinburgh*, when my Coach was
‘ robb’d, I very well remember the
‘ Prisoner’s Voice, tho I cou’d not see
‘ his Face then, because he wore a
‘ Mask. My Lords, I must say this
‘ for him, That he was the most courteous and complaisant of any of ‘em;
‘ and to do him justice, treated us very
‘ civilly: for coming up to me, My
‘ Lord, said he, I must desire your Lordship and these fair Ladies (pointing
‘ to my Wife and my Daughter) to
‘ come out of the Coach, whilst
‘ we search for your Money; for
‘ ’tis only for that, said he, we came:
‘ And

‘ And thereupon very genteelly took
‘ me by the Hand, to help me out of
‘ the Coach, and at that time, I ob-
‘ serv’d upon one of his Fingers, a gold
‘ Ring, with a Coat of Arms cut in a
‘ Cornelian Stone ; which I took spe-
‘ cial Notice of ; and I desire he may
‘ be search’d now, whether he has not
‘ such a Ring about him.

Upon this, the Keeper presently came
and took me by the Hand, and found
the Ring upon my Finger. This made
all the Court give a Shout, but so con-
founded me, that I knew not what to
say. Upon this, my Lord went on
thus :

‘ My Lords, I am very glad I have
‘ given so much satisfaction to your
‘ Lordships: I besides took particular No-
‘ tice, that the Horse he rid on, was a
‘ stout Gelding of a dapple grey, which
‘ Horse, my Lords, he brought into the
‘ Inn, as the Ostler and the Innkeeper
‘ himself can testify, and still remains
‘ there ; and is indeed a Horse fit for
‘ such a Purpose. But after all, my
‘ Lords, I must do the Prisoner this Ju-
‘ stice, to let your Lordships know, that
‘ if

‘ if it had not been for the Prisoner, I
‘ believe we should have all been mur-
‘ der’d : For, my Lords, when they
‘ first set upon us, they beset us on all
‘ sides, and one who it seems was their
‘ Captain, coming up to me, and bid-
‘ ding me deliver, I immediately dis-
‘ charg’d my Blunderbuss, by which
‘ means he was kill’d : And after they
‘ had got the better of my Servants,
‘ and had took away my Money, they
‘ wou’d have took away the Rings and
‘ Jewels from my Wife and Daughter,
‘ and also taken what I had in my own
‘ Pockets ; but the Prisoner at the Bar,
‘ who seem’d to have some kind of Au-
‘ thority over ’em, with-held them from
‘ it, telling them they had what they
‘ came for ; and therefore they ought
‘ to be civil, and told ’em, as one that
‘ seem’d to have some Authority, he
‘ wou’d not suffer any Injury to be of-
‘ fer’d us. But when the Man whom
‘ I had shot with my Blunderbuss dy’d,
‘ their Rage was grown to such a height,
‘ that they wou’d have massacred us all,
‘ to revenge his Death. And then in-
‘ deed we found the Prisoner at the Bar

‘ to

‘ to be our Protector, for after he had
‘ us’d several Arguments to stop ’em
‘ from their wicked Purpose, he came
‘ to the Coach-side, and drew his
‘ Sword, and told ’em he wou’d defend
‘ us to the last Drop of his Blood; and
‘ that none of ’em shou’d touch a hair
‘ of our Heads, whilst he had Life and
‘ Breath. By which being deter’d from
‘ their wicked Purpose, they rid away;
‘ the Prisoner at the Bar being so civil,
‘ as to wish us a good Journey to *Edin-*
‘ *burgh*.

My Lord *Kil—to* having made an end
of his Speech, I was immediately
brought in guilty: and all those hopes
of being clear’d, which had so buoy’d
me up but just before, were vanish’d
into Air. For my unfortunate Compa-
nions and my self, being then all brought
to the Bar together, we there receiv’d
the Sentence of Death, which was to
be hang’d before the *Tolbooth* in *Edinburgh*,
till we were dead, dead; and were sent
back to Prison all together. And the
Wednesday following was to be the Day
of our Execution.

If I was troubled before, I was much more so now, when I saw the period of my Days was number'd, and that I had brought my self to this unhappy End thro' my own Folly : Now all the Crimes I ever had been guilty of, were brought to my remembrance, and star'd me in the Face, telling me, That I so greatly offended Heaven, that now the least part of my Sufferings wou'd be what I shou'd suffer here; and tho' a few short Moments wou'd make a Separation between Soul and Body, yet wou'd a long Eternity succeed it : And then shou'd I for ever be receiving the just Reward of all my Villanies. These Thoughts wou'd croud into my Mind whether I wou'd or no ; and give me so much Trouble, I scarce knew how to bear it.

At length that dismal Night came on, which was to be the last I e'er shou'd see : A thousand times I wish'd that Night was o'er, and yet I dreaded the Approach of Day : What Prayers, what Vows, what solemn Protections did I make, to become quite another Man, cou'd but my Life be spar'd ! But all
my

my Hopes were dissipated now, nor the least Shadow of 'em left behind. Some empty hopes before I'd entertain'd, as if my Lord *Kil—tb* wou'd be my Friend, for that small piece of Service I had done him, after we had robb'd him, in keeping him from the Rage of my Companions : But when the Morning came, and we were all commanded to make ready and prepare for Death, my hopes were at an end ; especially when I beheld the Officers bring up five Halters, one for each of us ; I then believ'd my Doom to be as certain, as if I'd read it in the Book of Fate. And then I was taken up with other thoughts than I e'er knew or entertain'd before : My Eyes and Heart were then lift up to Heaven, and Pardon for my Sins was all my cry. After some Prayers and Preaching in the Chappel belonging to the Prison, we had the Ropes put about each ones Neck ; and then set out as Men accouter'd for another World. But two of my Companions, *Hector* and *Crocket*, were as brisk and Jolly as I have known em when we have been robbing, and gotten a good Prize : Come hang't

hang't, says *Hector*, why this clouded Brow? One quarter of an Hour will make us all easie. I meet with nothing but what I expected, when first I ventur'd upon this way of Living. You don't consider, said I, whither we are going, or at least do not know. Yes, but we do, said *Crocket*, we're going to be hang'd; and that will soon be over. Ah, but what follows after, said *Moncrief*, who was much more concern'd than any of us. After, said *Hector*! What shou'd follow after! When we are dead, we must be buried, Man; be bury'd in Forgetfulness; that's all that I know follows. By this time we'd the fatal Tree in View, which put a further Damp upon my Spirits, thinking that now the time drew very near, in which I must launch out into Eternity.

Hector, who had the Wound upon his Shoulder, the fatal Cause of all our being taken, was first of all ty'd up to the fatal Tree, and after a short Speech made to the People, in which he did confess he suffer'd justly; was just a going to be turn'd from the Ladder, when on a sudden the Trumpets fell a sounding,
and

and a Horse or two galloping after, as if his Rider came on some important Errand, and coming nearer to us he cry'd out a Reprieve! At which the People gave a mighty Shout: This made the Executioner to stop his Hand, and not turn *Hector* off as he was just a going; the Messenger on Horse-back giving the Paper into the Sheriff's Hand's, calling his Eyes on me, Sir, says he, you're repriev'd if your Name be *Donald Mac-duff* (for by that Name I went) yes Sir, said I, transported with a Joy, too mighty to express, 'tis that's my Name: But is there no Reprieve but for him only, cry'd *Hector* on the Ladder? No none, the Sheriff answer'd, but for him: Then turn me off, says he to th' Executioner: Wou'd I had been hang'd ere I had heard this News; and thereupon the Executioner dispatch'd him presently.

Upon the Sheriff's saying I had a Reprieve, the Officer came to me, and set my Arms at Liberty, which were before pinion'd just like a Fowl's ready for Roasting; and the Sheriff came and gave me Joy of my Reprieve: and then bid the Officer convey me back to prison.
And

And thus was I deliver'd from the Gallows, I almost knew not how ; but all the other four were executed ; two dying very soberly, and two like Atheists.

That afternoon a Gentleman of the Lord *Kil—ib's* came to me to the Prison, to tell me that his Lordship, in regard of the Civility I had shewn him at the time he was robb'd, had prevail'd with the Duke of *Ham—ten* then Lord High Commissioner, to grant me a Pardon, upon Condition of going into the Army to serve the King. I told him I was infinitely oblig'd to his Lordship, for his generous Intercession ; and that since I had receiv'd my Life from his Goodness, I wou'd dedicate it to his Service, and employ it as he pleas'd to order me. The Gentleman was very well pleas'd with the Expressions of my Gratitude to his Master, and told me he wou'd not be wanting to serve me in any thing that lay within the compass of his Power ; telling me that as my Life had been miraculously renew'd and lengthen'd out, he hop'd I wou'd so spend the last part of it, as might attone for the Errors of the first ; and so he took his leave of me.

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The Goaler's Wife, to whom I had been oblig'd for her kind offices towards me, I made my Heir when I thought I should die; leaving her my Rings; that fatal one, which was a chief Cause of my Condemnation, and which I had receiv'd from my Lady *Murray*, that Night in which by a wilful Mistake I lay with her; and another which I had from my Wife; and a third from *Douglas Creighton*; with thirty Pieces of Gold, and a Watch; all which she generously brought me again. I told her that as to the Rings, which were the Gifts of Particular Persons for whom I had a Value, I wou'd accept of 'em; but it shou'd be upon this Condition, that she wou'd accept of ten Pieces of Gold to buy her one, which she might keep for my sake. It was with some difficulty that I forc'd her to accept 'em: But had I known how long I shou'd have lain in Goal there, I shou'd not have been so prodigal. For I thought I shou'd in a Week or a Fortnight's time have been put into the King's Service; but on the contrary, I was forc'd to lie in Goal
above

the Scotch Rogue.

above half a Year before I was releas'd, tho' I had my Pardon granted.

In which long Vacation, as I may call it, I was not altogether idle ; for when the Fear of Death was over, the thoughts of Heaven and another World, was quite and clean forgotten ; and how I might procure a Subsistence in this, and gratifie my sensual Inclinations, was the Sum of all my thoughts : and therefore because I lov'd to be carrying on the Work of Generation, especially when the saving of a Life, as well as the getting of a Child, was the effect ; I was so kind as to get several young Women, who were committed to Prison for thieving, with Child ; who had certainly been hang'd, if they had not had a great Belly. Nor yet was I so prodigal to do that piece of Drudgery for nothing ; still making 'em pay for what I did, according to their Ability. By which means I sav'd the spending of my Gold : For as I always expected to be call'd for, so I thought that when I was in the Army, and under a strict Discipline, my Gold might do me some Service,

vice, and help me to what I must otherwise have been without.

I have said before, that my Landlady, the Goaler's Wife, was always my Friend, and shou'd have been my Heir; she wou'd oftentimes come to see me, and bring me something that was good, but what Motive she had for it, besides that of Compassion to an unfortunate Man, I knew not. : She was a very compleat Woman, something turn'd of Forty, but never had a Child. Indeed the Goaler appear'd to me but an infirm Man, which might probably be the reason of it; which made me often think that if she wou'd but have been as willing as I, I cou'd have supply'd that Want: But because I knew not but such a Proposal might provoke her, and set her against me, I durst never make it. It so happen'd that an *English* Lass, very beautiful, was committed to Prison for adulterating the Coin; which being Treason, and so Death by the Law, she was willing to get as much Time as she cou'd, and so was treating with me to get her with Child: And indeed the Comeliness of her Person, the Genteelness

ness of her Garb, and the Gaiety of her natural Temper, were sufficient Motives to undertake the Business, without any further Consideration ; but yet knowing my own as well as her Necessities, I was willing to do half for Money, and the other half for Love ; as soon as we were agreed upon the Premises, I took her into my Chamber to perform according to Articles ; but just at that unhappy juncture, my Landlady came into my Chamber, with a Paper to cast up some Accounts, having (like a Blockhead as I was) forgot to make fast the Door on the inside ; and bolting in upon the sudden, being then in the critical Moment of Enjoyment, it was impossible for us to disengage ourselves so suddenly, but that my Landlady took Notice of it, and fell a chiding of us both ; and we both look'd as simply as if we cou'd n't help it : However to make the Jest go as well as it cou'd, Landlady, said I, they say there's a Proverb in *England*, There's no hurt done, where a good Child's got : Upon which the *English* Woman went away ; and my Landlady took me to task for my Lasciviousness.

Upon

Upon which I told her the whole Truth. Why, said she, are you sure you can get her with Child, then, that you make such a Bargain? I never fail'd yet, said I, and I have done it for several: At which she fetch'd a great Sigh, saying, I wish my Husband were as Vigorous as you are, then: Why really Landlady, said I, I've often thought, but never durst presume to push the Matter so far home to you, that if you wou'd but give Consent, I'd undertake to get a Child for you; for you look like a Woman likely enough: And I wou'd be as true and silent in the Case, as you your self shou'd. At which she fetch'd another Sigh, saying, I shou'd indeed be glad to have a Child, or know at least whether it is my Fault or not. 'Tis true, said I, and this wou'd be a means to know effectually. If I shou'd do it, reply'd she again, it is not out of any lustful or lascivious Desire, only to make a Trial whether it is my Husband's Fault, or mine, that I can have no Children. Well, Landlady, said I, I'll serve you when you please, with all the Privacy imaginable. Captain, said she, for so she

she us'd to call me, my Husband within two or three days goes to *Musselborough*, and from thence to *Hadington*, about Business which will keep him out near a Week; and when he is gone out of Town, I'll order matters so, you shall have the convenience of a Nights Lodging with me; and then I'll give you leave to try your Skill: Which I faithfully promis'd her; and so having cast up her Accounts for her (which was her Business with me then) we parted, being very glad it was no worse: For I was afraid she wou'd have confin'd either the *English Gentlewoman*, or my self, and so have spoil'd our Sport.

*Thus Sin does unto Shame and Ruin tend,
While Justice overtakes them in the End:
Our Rogue, altho' his Hopes were flown so high,
Soon flag'd again when once condemn'd to die.
The thoughts of Death his Courage quickly quail'd,
And he his former wicked Life bewail'd:
But when reprieu'd, and his Fears over were,
He for his former Vows no more does care;
Heav'n and Repentance are forgotten then,
And he soon falls to's former Life agen.*

CHAP. IV.

He relates his Intrigue with the Goal-Keeper's Wife, and how he was afterwards taken out of Goal into the King's Service. He shews the Ignorance of his Captain, his way of Exerceeing his Company in the Use of the Lang-Goon: He Steals the Captain's Turkey, discovers himself for a Reward, and was forc'd to run the Gauntlet; and of other Villanies that he Committed during his being a Soldier.

SOON after my Landlay was gone, I went to my pretty *Englishwoman*, who was extreemly ashamed for what had happen'd; not so much for what we had acted, as for being taken in the Act; and also for what she fear'd might be the Effects of it; that is to say, for fear of being made a close Prisoner; for Goalers generally govern by a despotick Power, and can do what they will with those under their Custody; especially if Criminals. But I presently satisfy'd her that all was well, and that she

she wou'd hear no more on't ; and the more effectually to convince her, I had her again into my Apartment ; and now taking care not to be disturb'd, we renew'd our Attacks with so much Vigor, that there wanted nothing but Time to bring the Matter to maturity.

What had pass'd between me and my Landlady, did so much run in her mind, that she push'd forward her Husband's going to *Musselborough* as much as possibly she cou'd ; and when all Matters between 'em were adjust'd, and the Day being fix'd, she was so kind (and careful too) to let me know that in two Days, her Husband was to take his Journey ; I understood her meaning presently, which was as much as if she'd said expressly, Take care to be provided.

At length the so much-wish'd for Morning came, on which her Husband was to take his Journey ; and she (kind Heart!) to strengthen him the more, that he might the better perform it, got ready a whole Quart of Chocolat for him ; which being somewhat more than he cou'd drink, she sent the rest to me ; as knowing I too had a Journey

to perform at Night; and that a strengthening Draught might help me to go thorow it the better.

My Landlord being gone, and Mrs. Goaler now Superintendant of the Prison, I was a kind of Viceroy under her, and had the Goal committed to my Care; which gave me a fair Opportunity to do what I and my kind Mistress both desir'd. And therefore having lock'd up all the rest, and seen that all the Prisoners were in their own Apartments, I took the Keys, and brought 'em to my Mistress, who had provided a good Fowl, and a corroborating Draught of sprightly Wine to entertain me with; and for an Hour or two we were very merry, there being none but we two and the Maid, who was her Mistresses sole Confident in this Affair (and had been mine too ere she was her Mistresses, but that my Landlady knew nothing of.) Now the Preliminaries being over, the Lass conducts her Mistress to her Lodging, and puts her into Bed; and then (as tho' 't had been my real Bride, my Pristine Bride, my pretty Shepherdess) brought me to th' Bed where her fair
Mistress

Mistress lay, in all the charming Dress she cou'd put on, expecting me, as *Venus* did *Adonis*. Nor was it long that thus I made her wait; but quickly satisfy'd her Expectation: And the Engagement was perform'd on both sides with such a vigorous and active Heat, as shew'd both Parties were alike prepar'd with Love's Artillery to maintain the Combat. And tho' sometimes we both were out of Breath, yet we with equal Force renew'd the Fight, until a Truce was for some time concluded. I'th' Interval of which, she thus accosted me: *Ab Captain, dearest Captain, you exceed the rest of Mortals sure in these Encounters; or else I've only had the Shadow of what we call Enjoyment: —*

*For in this Night my Pleasure has been more
Than I in all my Life e'er knew before.*

I was very well pleas'd I had given my fair Goalerefs so much Satisfaction; and to tell the truth, she had not been wanting in her efforts to me; so having satisfy'd each other we both agreed with one consent to take a Nap until

the Morning Light told us 'twas time to part, which we did with the tenderest Embraces that Lovers cou'd bestow upon each other. But this alone shews how well she was pleas'd, that she desir'd me ere I went away, If I lik'd my Entertainment, to take up my Lodging there again the following Night; to which I return'd, That I wou'd very willingly accept her Kindness not only the following Night, but till her Husband did again return: At which she seem'd extreamly pleas'd, and told me that I shou'd be very welcome. So that I lay with her for three successive Nights, at th' end of which she gave me three Guinea's; which I thought was much better Pay, than that which I shou'd have in the King's Service.

And now methought my Prison was a Palace; for here I enjoy'd all the Voluptuous and Lascivious Pleasures that I cou'd wish or desire, and wanted neither Ease nor Money, nor what good thing my Landlady cou'd help me to; so that tho' once I long'd to go into the Wars, the very thoughts on't now was my Aversion. But when I least expected it,
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in comes a thick Num Skull Captain, with a Warrant from the High Commissioner, to take me into the King's Service; at which I seem'd extreemly joyful, and ready to go with him; and that if he'd let me know where I must come, I wou'd but just get my things, and wait upon him in an Hour; But he was loth to let me stay so long, unless my Land'ord wou'd engage for my forthcoming; which at my Landlady's perswasion, he comply'd with: And then she came into my Chamber, bringing me some Linnen, and what other things I wanted; and told me kindly, how sensible a Trouble my going was to her: However, said she, I shall for ever think upon you, for I can now assure you I am certainly with Child. And giving me a Guinea more to drink her Health, I gave her a Salute, and so we parted there. But when I was a going out of Doors, her Husband being with me: Come, Love, said she, let's give the Bonny Lad a Cogue of Brandy, ere he goes, and so farewell; which he very readily complying with: Here, Captain, said he, here's a small Token for you to

drink my Health when you are gone from hence : And having drank his Brandy, and given him Thanks for his kind Token, I kiss'd my Landlady, and so we parted.

And now the Scene is alter'd, and from a High-way-Man, I'm turn'd Soldier. My Captain's Name was *Douglafs*, a Noble Name as any is in *Scotland* ; but he had nothing of that Noble Family, but the Name only, for the sake of which he'd a Commission ; but cou'd no more tell how to exercise his Men, than the meereft Rustick in the Kingdom. I confess I had no great Skill in Military Discipline, and was more for the Praëtick, than the Speculative part of War ; yet while I was a Prisoner, and knew I was condemn'd to serve the King, I got a Soldier, who was my Fellow-Prisoner there, to instruct me in the best way of Handling my Arms, which by that means I was pretty perfect in.

As soon as I paid my Respects to my Captain, and told him I was ready to receive his Commands, he gave me the King's Cloathing, and a Sword and
Musket

Musket, and then put me into the middle of a File, and bid me observe my Reeght-Haund-Mon, and obey the word of Command. So away we march'd to our Quarters, which was then at *Leith*; and I had a Companion put to me, that pleas'd me very well, that was witty and ingenious, and able to assist me in carrying on any Intrigue.

The next Morning we were drawn out upon the Links of *Leith*, where the Captain was minded to let us know his Military Skill, by exercising of us himself: Which, because it was in a manner peculiar to himself, and may perhaps be a Novelty to the Reader, I have here set down *Verbatim*, in the same *Scottish* Dialect wherein he spoke it.

*The Exerceese of the Scots
Lang-Goon.*

Tak Care on your Sell, Sir, noow.
Hod him up, Sir.
Hod him doown the Speun feede.
Hod him up noow.

Opin your Kittle, Sir.

Clean your Kittle with the Baw of your
Speun Thumb.

Haundle your Deufte-Box.

Caust the black Sawt int' your Kittle,
Sir.

Blaw off your loose Deufte. [au mus-
kle Blawfte, Mon.]

Hod your Lang-Goon doown to your
Cogue feede.

Haundle your Deufte Box, Sir.

Tak his Bonnet in your Teeth.

Poo her hinder end awaw, Mon.

Caust your black Sawt int' her Wemb,
Sir.

Caust a Cogle intul her Wemb.

Tak the Lunt from your Bonnit.

Stop it in her Moo.

Grip your lang Wond.

Lug him owte.

Hod him up, Sir.

Short'n't to a Waw-bit anent your
Reeght Pop.

Struck it in her Moo.

Wod it doown in the Deel's Naume,
Mon.

Lug owte your Lang Wond, Sir.

Short'n't in your Speun Haund, anent
your Reeght Pop. Your

Your Lang Wond intul its Hoose noow.
Hod up your Lang-Goon, Sir.

Band doown your Goose Crag, and hod
him owte.

Sat him to your Shoulder.

Lat flee in the Deel's Naume, Mon.

Hod up your Lang-Goon, and hod him
doown to the Cogue seede, aw toge-
ther.

Your Speun Haund to your Muckle
Whuniard, Mon.

Lug owte your Muckle Whuniard.

Stop your Muckle Whuniard intul the
Moo of your Lang-Goon.

Hod up your Lang-Goon, hod him up
at me, Sir.

Doown wi' your Lang-Goon.

To the speun Haund, doown wi' your
Lang-Goon.

Stell to the Speun Haund, doown wi'
him ageen, Sir.

To the Speun Haund yit, Mon, doown
wi' your Lang-Goon.

Noow at me, doown wi' him ageen.

Set your Fauce where your Aurse stonds,
and be domn'd t'ye.

Noow at me, doown wi' him ageen.

Noow

Noow to the Cogue Haund, doown
wi' your Lang-Goon.

To *John-a-Groat's* Hoose, Mon, doown
wi' your Lang-Goon.

To *John-a-Groat's* Pease-Stauck, doown
wi' your Lang-Goon.

Noow at me, doown wi' him ageen,
Sir.

Ha' ye forgot, Mon, what I toud ye.

Put your Fauce where your Aurse stands,
and be domn'd t'ye.

Noow at me; hod him up, and hod
him doown to the Cogue seede aw
together.

Your Speun Haund to your muckle
Whuniard, Sir.

Lug owte your muckle Whuniard.

Your muckle Whuniard intul his Hoose
noow.

Tak your Lang-Goon to your Speun
Feut, Sir.

Doown wi' t to God's coad Grunt,
Mon.

Lat ge your Lang-Goon.

Up aw together.

To the Speun Haund about, Sir.

Gang your waw in the Deel's Naume
t'ye. Noow run awe in snarle ageen,
bonnee Lads.

This

This was the Method of our Captain's exerceeing his Company ; but because we had not always *John-a-Groat's* Hoose, nor *John-a-Groat's* Pease-Stauck to direct us in our facing about, our Captain alter'd that Phrase as occasion serv'd, and bid us face either to some Hedge or Tree, or Kirk Steeple, as was most convenient.

It wou'd be too long to give the Reader an Account of our several Marches and Counter-Marches whilst I was a Soldier : I will only acquaint him with a few of my Pranks, when I was hard put to it for Subsistance : In which case I seldom consider'd who I took any thing from, provided I cou'd but get it.

One time, when Provision was very scarce, and my Pocket very low, I went into a publick House, and saw a very fine Turkey at the Fire, not far from our Captain's Quarters : I ask'd the Man of the House who that Turkey was for ? He told me it was for Captain *Douglasse*. Away I went to consider how I might come in for a Snack of it my self, for I had as great a mind to it as my Captain : And going to my Comrade, and one or two bonny Lads more,

I told 'em there was a noble Turkey roasting for the Captain in such a place, and if they wou'd stand by me, I didn't doubt but to deprive him of it, and get it to our selves. They ask'd me which way? I told 'em when the Turkey was just ready to be carried to the Captain's, I wou'd dress my self like the Captain's Butler, or at least like one belonging to him, and go and demand it in the Captain's Name, and so carry it to my own Quarters: They had a mind to the Turkey as well as I, but thought the Business too hazardous, and ask'd wherein they cou'd cou'd assist me? I told 'em on y in giving me Notice when it was taken up, and then seeing that no body went after me: Their part was so easie that they soon agreed; and indeed the situation of the Cook's House where it was roasted, and the Captain's House, made it very likely; for when I had gone half a dozen doors from the Cook's, I was to turn on my left Hand to go to the Captain's, but before I came thither, there was another turning on the Right Hand, which went to my Quarters. So that when my Comrade gave me Notice

tice the Turkey was taking up, I put a Napkin on, went very boldly, and told the Cook the Captain had sent me for the Turkey: I was just a sending it, says the Cook: Well, said I, I'll save you that Labour, and carry't my self now; and so taking it up in their Dish, with a Cover over it, away I went, and carry'd it clear off: And having all things ready, we fell to, and made a hearty Meal of it; which we dispatch'd so quickly, that putting on my Soldier's Cloaths again, I went to see how matters went at the Cook's; and there I found the House all in an Uproar; for the Captain had indeed sent for the Turkey, and they told him that one of his Men had fetch'd it away already: The Captain being hungry, and disappointed of his Dianer, swore like an Emperor; but to no purpose, for the Turkey was past his coming at it. The Cook constantly affirming that the Captain sent his Man for it, and the Captain as firmly denying he ever sent for it: And that I might be unsuspected, I told the Captain that I saw a Man go with a cover'd Dish that way, but did not

not know who it was: But some Whores Bird or other told the Captain it was one of his own Soldiers, he was sure; upon which search was made in all our Quarters but nothing cou'd be found of it; nor cou'd either the Dish or Cover be found. The Captain was in a deadly Tweak about it, and so much the more, because he had invited some Friends to Dinner; who were equally disappointed with himself. Nor was it the loss of the Turkey so much vext him, as the desire he had to know who it was that durst put such a Trick upon him. And therefore causes to be publish'd at the Head of the Company, That if the Person who convey'd away the Turkey, wou'd come forth and declare how he did it, he shou'd be freely pardon'd, and have a Reward of 10 *l. Scots.* given to him; or if any one of his Accomplices wou'd discover him, they shou'd have the same Reward. This Publication, with the free Pardon, and Reward annex'd to it, prevail'd with me to get my Pardon, and Money to boot at once: And therefore, having a good stock of Impudence, I went boldly to him my self,

self, and thus accosted him : Noble Captain, I don't doubt but your innate Worth, and generous Nature, will oblige you to make good your Promise ; for nothing is more unbecoming a Man of Honour, than to falsifie his Word ; in confidence therefore of your generous Goodness, and that you will both pardon the Offence, and reward the discovery of him that stole your Turkey, I am come to declare the Truth of that matter to you. Very well, says the Captain, by my Saul, Ise be as good as my Word, Mon, and therefore declare freely. I was very glad to hear the Captain confirm his Promise, and thereupon made a frank Confession of the whole matter : By my Saul, Mon, quo' the Captain, thou'rt a false Loon ; and I shall ken thee for a black Sheep, another teem : However, you have my Pardon, for the stealing of my Turkey, and here's Ten Pound *Scots*. for your Reward and Confession. And so making me drink besides, bid me gang to my Quarters.

I was very glad of this good success ; for the Money, tho no great Sum, was a mighty

mighty recruit to an empty Pocket, as mine was : But as it fell out, I had better have been without it : For my Captain, tho' he was punctual to his Word, was not half so well satisfy'd as I was : And to speak Truth, he had not half so much reason, for I had got a good Turkey and Money to boot, and he had lost both : And therefore away goes he to the Cook that roasted the Turkey, and ask'd him whose Dish it was that the Turkey, when it was roasted, was carried away in ? The Cook said it was his, and the largest he had, with a large Cover over it : Sir, says the Cook, you must pay me for't, for 'twas one of your Soldiers it seems, that carry'd it away. Very well, said the Captain, I'll see you paid for it.

Away goes the Captain and sends for the Provoe, and orders him to take me into Custody, which was presently done, and I hurry'd away to Prison ; I cou'd n't imagine the Cause ; for I was pardon'd for stealing the Turkey, and I knew of no Crime else I was guilty of : But in a few Days after, I was brought before a Court Martial ; where the
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Captain and my Cook appear'd against me, for stealing a roasted Turkey, with a large Dish and Cover : I pleaded guilty to the Indictment, but alledged that I had my Captain's Pardon ; and therefore ought not to be try'd for it : The Captain readily acknowledg'd that for the Turkey which I had stole from him, he freely pardon'd me, and desir'd I might be acquitted as to that ; but said he, as to the Dish and Cover, which was the Cook's, I had no Power to pardon that, for that was another Man's Property. So for stealing the Dish and Cover, I was adjudg'd to run the Gauntlet, and to be kept three Months in the Marshal's Prison. For the Imprisonment, I didn't value it ; but the running of the Gauntlet didn't at all agree with my Constitution ; but how unwilling soever I was to undergo it, there was no remedy ; and my Captain was so malicious, that if the Soldiers didn't do their Duties in exercising the discipline of the Lash, he threatned them they shou'd suffer the same Castigation. But I being generally belov'd by the Soldiers, who all hated the ungenerous and
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sordid Disposition of the Captain, came off much better than the Captain wou'd have had me, or than I expected ; tho' not without some severe Lashes from some that were in the interest of the Captain. Having suffer'd my Punishment, I was recommitted to Prison ; where I had not those Conveniences I enjoy'd at the Tolbooth in *Edinburgh* ; the Provost Marshal being a sowe sort of a Fellow, and having no handsome Wife that I cou'd oblige.

I had not been a Month in Prison, but the under-Keeper was intirely my Creature, for whatever I got, he was sure to participate with me. And it so happen'd, that the Prison were I was, had a Door that open'd into the Market-place, where the Country-Men brought Sacks of Oatmeal, which was with us a very choice Commodity : And having a Grate that look'd that Way also, I was very much griev'd to see so many Sacks of Oatmeal without, and I ready to starve within ; upon which I put my Wits upon the Tenter, to see which way I cou'd make any of these Sacks of Oatmeal mine ; And finding that Door
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open'd inwards, when it was unlock'd, which I had never yet seen, I soon resolv'd upon the matter, telling the Under-Keeper that if he wou'd lend me the Key of that Door, I wou'd only just open it, and shut it again, but wou'd never go out of it. He was very urgent to know the reason, but I told him it was not convenient he should know any thing more, than that it was for no harm, but only to make an Experiment; adding that it wou'd be for my advantage, and yet be no manner of Detriment to him; binding it with the most solemn Vows I cou'd make: And with much ado the Evening before the Market-Day I borrow'd the Key of him. Now you must know that on the inside of the Prison, there was three Steps to go up to that Door, which open'd inwards; and that Door being never made use on, but even with the Ground on the outside, the Country-Men brought their Sacks and set them against that Door. Now I observing several times, the Country-Men were very early in bringing their Sacks, even before it was light; and after they had brought one Sack

Sack off their Cart, which stood about twenty Yards off, they went and fetch'd another: This I had seen 'em do oftentimes; and that Night I had the Key, I got up very early in the Morning, and seeing a Country-Man just come with his Cart, I saw him bring one Sack, and set it against the Door, and then a second, and a third and fourth; and whilst he was going to fetch the Fifth, I open'd the Door, and immediately down fell the four Sacks into the Prison; and before the Man cou'd come back; I had shut the Door and lock'd it again, so that no body cou'd imagine it had ever been open'd: And for the four Sacks, I thrust them under the Boards where I lay, and cover'd them with the Straw which I had to lie upon. As soon as the Man came back with another Sack, he thought the Devil had convey'd away the other four which he brought first: He look'd on every side, but cou'd not for his Life imagine what had become of 'em. At last he began to set up such a Cry, as drew those few People that were then in the Market together, and made those that were in their Houses
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to come out ; and enquire what was the matter ? The Man said he had four Sacks of Oatmeal stole from him ; and then told the People where he had plac'd 'em, and how suddenly they were gone. And those that were pretty near, having seen no body that cou'd possibly convey 'em away, began to imagine the Man distracted, and that it was only a Whimsey of his own Brain, without any reality, which made the Man almost distracted indeed. For as it grew lighter, the thing seem'd more improbable that he shou'd loose four Sacks in so short a space, and no body be seen to carry 'em away : Some imagined it to be the Soldiers ; but knew not how they shou'd do it, and not be seen ; but this being the most probable Opinion how unlikely soever in it self ; a Complaint was made to the Main Guard, and the Soldiers that kept Guard that Night being call'd, they were all there but one, who was thereupon suspected, but he soon clear'd himself. Then the Quarters of the others that were not upon the Guard were search'd, but nothing found. At last my Captain began to suspect

suspect me, and sent to know whether I hadn't broke Prison; but the Messenger was brought in, and saw me; and then told me what his Business was; which made me remember the old Proverb, *He that gets an ill Name, is as good as half hang'd*: But my being in Prison, so baffled their Suspicions, that I was thought innocent; and so after all the search they cou'd make, they cou'd hear of no Foot-steps of the four Sacks of Oatmeal. After all the Noise was over, my Keeper, who knew nothing of what I had done, ask'd me very seriously, what I was so earnest with him for, to let me have the Key of that Door? For, said he, I don't see any Advantage you have made on't: And thereupon, seeing he had trusted me, I thought I might very well trust him, and so shewed him what I had got: The Keeper advis'd me to let my Captain know it, who in the straits to which he was now reduc'd, wou'd be glad to be Sharer with me in such a Prize, and give me my Liberty into the Bargain. I was afraid to trust him; but the Keeper assuring me all shou'd be well, I left it to him to manage

manage the Business for me. The most difficult matter was, not to make the Keeper concern'd with me, because he lent me the Key: But for that I told him he must plead ignorance of the thing, and I wou'd undertake to clear him of any Knowledge of the matter: Which way can that be, quo' he: Why said I, I'll tell him, that you being in my Chamber, and call'd hastily out, left your Keys behind you, and I took the Impression of 'em in a piece of Clay, and so got a Key made; which I afterwards threw away to prevent discovery. This the Keeper lik'd well enough; and so bid me leave the rest to him.

But I was very importunate with him to know what reason he had to think that the Captain had any kindness for me; or that, if he shou'd know what I had done, he wou'dn't cause me to be prosecuted for it, as he did for taking away his Turkey, even after he had pass'd it by? He told me the Captain had ask'd often after me, and told him he was very sorry for my Misfortune, and for what he had done, and said if he was to do't again, he'd never do it.

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And said moreover, 'That tho' he did not know who stole the four Sacks of Oatmeal, yet he didn't care if he cou'd come in for a Snack with them that had it. And I told him, said the Keeper, I believ'd you wou'd be easily reconcil'd for the Injury done to you : I wish he wou'd, said he, for I begin to love him, and have a great esteem for him.

What design my Keeper had in this matter I know not ; but if he had his design, so had I mine, and therefore was resolv'd to let him go on.

The next Day, my Captain comes to visit me in the Goal, and salutes me thus : *Donald*, how is't ? Thank ye noble Captain, said I ; I'm but in a sairy Condition to be kept starving in Prison here ; but the Deel a bit can I help it, and sea I must bear it as well as I can. The Deel split my Wemb, quo' the Captain, but I cou'd e'en greet to see thee here. Ife ne'er thought the Court Marshal wou'd have been so severe. I thought they'd only have ty'd thee Neck and Heels a little, and so past it over. Well, Noble Captain, said I, If you'll give me
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your Pardon, I'll tell you what I have done, since I came hither: By my Saul wun I, quo' he, and thereupon gave me a Shilling: Here has been a great Noise, said I, about four Sacks of Oatmeal— By my Saul, Mon, has there, said the Captain: The Meal in this Garison wou'd be a good Booty; —By my Saul wou'd it, quo' the Captain. I cou'd tell ye, said I, where it is, but I'm afraid— Afraid! of what? You may be sure I'll pardon all, and keep your Counsel too: Pardon me, Captain; but for what I pray? *Cap.* For all the Oatmeal that you stole away from the Country-Man. *Don.* No, Sir, this won't do, I ken your cloven Foot right weel; Experience has made me wise. *Cap.* What do you mean by that? I understand you not. *Don.* Then, Noble Captain, I'll explain my self: You say, You'll pardon me for all the Oatmeal that I took away. This is just like your pardoning me for eating up your Turkey, and then prosecuting me for the Dish and Cover. So now I shall be pardon'd for taking away the Oatmeal, and then hang'd for stealing of the Sacks—No, by my Saul, reply'd

the Captain, I never intended that. Your Pardon shall be full, both for the Sacks and Oatmeal too. And pray let all Injuries be forgotten. And we'll contract a Friendship together, and I'll get you out of Prison very quickly.

Pray Captain, said I, what's the meaning of these Proffers of Friendship now, when you were so much against me before

For that very reason, reply'd the Captain, because I'm satisfy'd I wrong'd you before; and I find not only that you are a good Soldier, but an ingenious Man, and one whose Friendship I am willing to deserve. Well, Sir, said I, if that be the reason, I accept your Acknowledgment with all my Heart. And to shew you how sincere I'll be, I'll shew you both where the Sacks of Oatmeal are, and how I got 'em. And then pluck'd away the Straw, and pull'd 'em out, and shew'd him him how I open'd the Door, and the Sacks fell in, as before was shown. With which easie and safe conveyance the Captain was so pleas'd, that he cou'd not forbear saying, Well, *Donald*, since you have contriv'd
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this way, I'd have you stay here a little longer, and you may get half a score Sacks at a time : For you know Provision is scarce, and so is Money too ; and these Sacks of Meal will yield both. And when you have done, convey 'em by the Keepers assistance to my House, and then they will go under the Notion of my Stores. And you and I will divide the Spoil, giving some to the Keeper,

To all this I readily agreed, and desir'd the Captain to send for those the next Evening. Upon this the Captain gave me a Ducket, and so took his leave of me. And I was very glad I had made this Agreement with him ; for hereby I didn't doubt but I shou'd have an Opportunity to be reveng'd on him for my running the Gantlet, which for all my words to him, still stuck in my Stomach. For tho' I believ'd he was sorry for what he had done, yet I cou'd not forgive him.

However I seem'd to forget all, and to have a great respect for my Captain, and promis'd the first Opportunity to have the t'other touch for some more

Oatmeal ; especially having my Captain's Pardon under his Hand for the other.

And it was not long before another Opportunity offer'd it self, to bring about my Design. For having acquainted my Keeper with the matter (for without him nothing was to be done) and got the Key of him over night, there was an honest Country-Man had plac'd his Sacks against the Prison-Wall before the Morning Light, and whilst he was a lighting his Tobacco at a neighbouring Candle, I suddenly unlock'd the Door, and down fell seven Sacks of Meal into my Tráp ; and thereupon shutting the Door again immediately, all was as still as cou'd be : The Country-Man having his Pipe well lighted, came back again to see his Sacks were safe ; and one of them falling down just a-cross the Door, whilst he was standing by, and thought all was well, he turn'd back to see what was the matter ; and was almost distracted, when he saw but five Sacks left out of the Twelve he brought there. And making a great Out-cry he was robb'd, rais'd all the People presently about

about him. In the mean time the Keeper thought it best to have the Sacks convey'd out at a back way to the Captain's Quarters; and then we both thought ourselves sure enough.

The strangeness of the Country-Man's Relation, that seven Sacks shou'd be convey'd away so in an instant, made all the People wonder, and brought to their Remembrance the Sacks that formerly were lost in such a manner, and cou'd be never heard of since.

This made some People that had more Eyes (or cou'd see farther into things than others) imagine there must be some slight of Hand, that shou'd convey 'em thence so suddenly, and unperceiv'd by any one; and thereupon advis'd the honest Country-Man to get the Prison search'd, to see if they wasn't there; for they it seems perceiv'd there was a Door, and that the Crevices look'd very mealy: And thereupon demanding of the Goaler to look into that Room that had a Door which open'd to the Market, the Goaler strangely chang'd his Colour presently, and had such an Appearance in his Face of Guilt,

as made the People more resolute in their demanding entrance, and him more obstinate in his refusing them ; (altho' the seven Sacks of Meal were all convey'd away, and safe enough within the Captain's Store-House.) The People seeing they cou'd have no Entrance, went to the Governor's and got from him an Order to search the Prison for seven Sacks of Meal.

Arm'd with this Order, they come backagain, while he (I mean the Goaler) came into my Room, mightily concern'd about the Matter ; I told him, As long as they were all convey'd away, he shou'd have let 'em come in readily : He told me he was much afraid some of the Meal might be perceiv'd either upon the Floor, or on my Cloaths ; but I had taken care of that before, and put a heap of Dust and Dirt upon the Steps below that Door, as if it had not been this seven Years open'd : With which he was extreamly pleas'd, and so went out to wait the Motions of the Mob, who in a little time came to the Goaler with an Order from the Governor to search the Prison ; and being thereupon

thereupon admitted, came all into my Chamber, and searching underneath the Boards upon which I lay instead of a Bed, they perceiv'd the marks of the old Sacks of Meal which had lain there so long before ; and then rejoyc'd as if they'd made a great discovery. And asking me how they came to be so white? I told 'em I knew nothing of it, unless it was the Straw I put there did it, on which I us'd to lie. All this was not sufficient, but they'd needs search my Pockets, to see if I had got no Key by which I cou'd get that Door open : And this unthought-of Business brought all the Roguery out ; for there they found (altho' no Key) the Pardon which my Captain gave me for stealing of four Sacks of Oatmeal, and the Sacks beside. This was such a Discovery that they were all for having me before the Governour immediately ; but this the Goaler wou'd by no means yield to, but said he'd keep his Pris'ner, till he'd the Governor's Order to deliver him. And thereupon they left me behind, and went all with that Note to the Governor.

In the mean time I knew not what to think of my Condition; this keeping of my Pardon in my Pocket to be took by them was a false Step: I made account to get Money by't; and now I found it wou'd be well if I cou'd save my self. My Goaler too came to consult me upon this Occasion, and urg'd me not to own by any means the having of the Key from him, for only that cou'd hurt him. I promis'd I wou'd take special Care that he might be secure. But whatsoever I told him, I was resolv'd my chiefest Business shou'd be, to bring my self off handsomly. But how to do't, I had no time to think, because by special Order I was brought before the Governor, who seeing of the Pardon that the Captain gave me, sent presently for me to know the meaning of it? I told him that his Excellency saw well enough what 'twas.

Come, Sirrah, says he, don't prevaricate, and put a Trick upon me, but tell me now ingenuously the Naked Truth, and I will promise you that you shall have your Pardon. With that the Country Man, who stood just by the Governour, said, *If it please your*

your Excellency, to encourage him the more, I'll give 40 l. Scots, so as I may recover my seven Sacks of Meal again.

I thought if I slip't this Opportunity, I might never have so fair an Offer again, and therefore was resolv'd to take both my Country-Man, and his Excellency the Governour, at their Word, and let the Captain and the Goaler shift as well as they cou'd. And thereupon I return'd this Answer :

' May it please your Excellency, If I
' don't discover the naked Truth, how
' much soever against my self, I won't
' ask your Pardon ; but if I do, I shall
' expect it. And you shall have it up-
on my Word, said the Governor, and
therefore pray proceed.

' My Lord, said I, I being once sharp
' put to it for Victuals, I found means
' to get a Turkey ready roasted, which
' my Captain had provided for himself,
' and when the the Captain had long
' search'd in vain, and cou'd not tell
' who had it, he offer'd a Reward and
' Pardon to those who wou'd come in
' and discover it : Upon which I came
' in my self, and own'd my self to be
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‘ the Person who stole it, and eat it :
‘ And thereupon I had indeed the Re-
‘ ward promis’d, and a Pardon, as my
‘ Captain told me, for the Turkey ; but
‘ he afterwards prosecuted me for the
‘ Dish and Cover, and I was made to
‘ run the Gauntlet, and was also com-
‘ mitted to Prison, from whence I was
‘ brought now before your Honour.

That, I think, said the Governor,
was n’t fairly done of him ; but what’s
this to the four Sacks of Meal ? I, says the
Country-Man, and to the seven Sacks
of Meal I lost to day ? Have a little Pa-
tience, said I, and I shall come to them
presently.

‘ May it please your Excellency,
said I, ‘ Whilst I was in Prison, I dai-
‘ ly saw Sacks of Meal brought and set
‘ against a Door which was never made
‘ use of, and thought if I cou’d but con-
‘ trive to open that Door, the Sacks
‘ wou’d fall in of themselves, and the
‘ same Door being shut presently a-
‘ gain, wou’d prevent all discovery.
‘ But how to get the Door open, I
‘ knew not : At last I prevail’d with
‘ my Keeper to lend me the Key of
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‘ that Door for one Night, and faith-
‘ fully promis’d him to continue a true
‘ Prisoner, and to make no ill use of it.
‘ In fine he lent me the Key, and I o-
‘ pen’d the Door before it was light, and
‘ down fell the Sacks into my Chamber
‘ or Room; and I immediately shut the
‘ Door again, without any Noise or
‘ Notice; and put the Sacks of Meal
‘ under the Boards upon which I lay.
‘ But now I had got the Sacks, I knew
‘ not what to do with them, and there-
‘ fore found my self under a necessity
‘ of letting the Keeper know what I
‘ had done; and he having some Inte-
‘ rest in my Captain, prevail’d with
‘ him to be reconcil’d to me, and urg’d
‘ me to let the Captain know of these
‘ four Sacks of Meal; but I was afraid
‘ the Captain wou’d discover me; to
‘ prevent which Scruple, the Captain
‘ gave me his Pardon for the stealing of
‘ the four Sacks of Oatmeal, and for the
‘ Sacks too, which I urg’d him to do,
‘ lest he shou’d come upon me for the
‘ Sacks, as he did before for the Dish
‘ and Cover of the Turkey: And so I
‘ came by that Note your Excellency
‘ has

‘ has ; and the three Sacks of Oatmeal
‘ were sent to the Captain, and the o-
‘ ther to the Keeper, for the Liberty of
• the Key.

A very fine Bargain ! said the Governor. But pray what’s become of my seven Sacks of Meal, says the Country-Man ? You must have a little Patience, said I : I shall come to ’em presently : And then in short, I proceeded to give an Account of the Bargain made between the Captain, and I, and the Keeper, shewing how the Captain encourag’d me to steal half a score Sacks at a time ; and so how I open’d the Door this Morning, and let seven Sacks fall in, which the Keeper remov’d into his own house, and sent away out at his Back-Door this Morning to the Captain’s.

Upon this Discovery, the Captain’s House was search’d and the Meal and Sacks found, which confirm’d the truth of all I had said. And the Governor ordering the Country-Man to have his seven Sacks of Meal again, very honestly gave me what he had promis’d, *viz.*
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But tho' I was pardon'd for my share of the Villany, yet I was kept as a Prisoner in the Provoe's House, to be an Evidence against the Captain and my Keeper; who in a few days were brought as Delinquents before a Court-Marshal: And charg'd with what I had accus'd 'em of: The two Country-Men, who had lost one Four, the other seven Sacks of Meal, appear'd in Court against 'em; and tho' they both deny'd the matter with an unparallel'd Impudence, the Captain telling the Court that it was a shame his Honour shou'd be brought in question upon the Testimony of so great a Villain, who had before been condemn'd to be hang'd, but was repriev'd, and whom he brought out of a Goal to serve the King; and who had since that been convicted of Thieving before that very Court, and was still a Prisoner. The Judge heard all that the Captain alledg'd against me with a great deal of Patience; and then made this Reply: That he did verily believe what he had said of me was true, and that I was Rogue enough; but that still reflected the more upon Him, who was so enamor'd

mor'd with him that he must needs go to the Prison to him, and there contract a League with him, and set him on to steal, and then agree to be the Receiver.

The Captain said it was false, and that they cou'd prove no such thing: That he was above all that, and scorn'd to have any thing to do with such a one, and therefore caus'd me to be punish'd for stealing his Turkey, and the Dish and Cover to it.

The Judge then ask'd him how he came by the seven Sacks of Meal? I cou'dn't carry 'em thither my self, how great a Rogue soever I was, for I was then a Prisoner.

The Captain said they were sent in to him, and he thought they had come from his Meal-Man, who us'd to serve him.

The Judge then as'd him, Why he gave me a Pardon for stealing four Sacks of Meal, and the Sacks also?

He deny'd he did any such thing, or writ any such Note. But the Keeper hoping to get off the better, witness'd (as it was true enough) that he saw the Captain

The Captain said it was false and that they cou'd prove no such thing.

Captain write that Note ; and that he also desired him to let me have the Key of that Door that opens into the Market-place, whenever I desir'd it. And that when I had got a Prize, the Goods were to be sent to his Quarters, and there they shou'd be safe.

This Evidence of the Goaler did so evidently discover the Captain's Guilt, for all his haughty Carriage, that they proceeded against him as principal Criminal, and passed Sentence of Death upon him. And to satisfie the Country, who declar'd if he was n't made an Example, they'd bring no more Goods to the Market, he was fairly hang'd.

The Goaler being brought in guilty by his own Confession, was fined 50*l.* Sterling, and to lose his Place, and suffer a Years Imprisonment.

These Trials being over, the Court took into Consideration what they shou'd do with me ; and I was much afraid after all, I shou'd have come in for a Snack of the Punishment too. But the Governor told them, that as he saw there wou'd be no convicting of the Captain, nor coming to find out the depth of the matter without me, that he had promis'd me a Pardon, and he wou'd be as good as his Word. But for all that, that they might be seen to do something against me, they made an Order that I shou'd be cashier'd out of the Army, never to serve more in his Majesty's Army, in any Capacity whatsoever. Which Order, however they meant it as a Punishment to me, I thought was the greatest Kindness they cou'd do me ; especially considering I had all my Arrears paid
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me ; which amounted to near five Pound Sterling, which with the Money I had receiv'd of the Country-Man, came to above eight Pounds.

Being thus cashier'd and set free from the Army, I was now once more become my own Man, and was at my own disposal. Which put me upon considering what Course of Life I shou'd now betake my self to.

To go to *Inverness* my Reason told me wou'd be best, because there I might expect Entertainment on several Accounts : My Wife wou'd be overjoy'd to see me, having been above two Years absent ; and the Lady *Murray* wou'd have a Kindness for me, on the account of what I had done for her : And to live with my Wife after I had escap'd so many Hazards, wou'd be the honestest Course I cou'd steer : And I verily believe I might have lived happily with her, if I had gone to *Inverness* : But I had a hankering mind to be a little better acquainted with *Edinburgh* ; for it was the finest City I had ever seen. And therefore thither I directed my Course.

In my Way to *Edinburgh*, I lay at a Town called *Reinfrew*, not far from *Glasgow*, and resolving to keep what Money I had got, to newrig my self at *Edinburgh*, I spent but little Money, and so calling for my Supper, went to Bed, and resolving to rise betimes in the Morning, I clear'd my Reckoning over Night. It so fell out, that a Gentleman who came to that Inn, desir'd a Lodging there, but it seems all the Rooms were taken up ; The Gentleman ask'd if there were any that lay alone, for he was willing to lie with any body, rather than not go to Bed ? They told him there was a Soldier that
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Jay alone, if he wou'd be willing to lie with him. He told 'em with all his Heart ; so up they came to me, and ask'd me if I wou'd admit of a Gentleman for my Bedfellow, because the Inn was full ? I told 'em I was very willing, if the Gentleman pleas'd to accept of me. In fine the Gentleman came into my Chamber, and calling for a Chopin of Ale to make me drink, he came to bed to me ; and he having rid hard, and being very weary, fell asleep in a short time ; but the Devil put such a Conceit into my Head, that I cou'd n't sleep at all afterwards. But as soon as ever it was break of Day, I got up, and put on the Gentleman's Cloaths, and as good Fortune wou'd have it, they were very fit for me ; and so having taken all that was good for any thing out of my Breeches and Coat Pockets, I left mine for the Gentleman in the room of his own. And so going down stairs in the Slippers that the Gentleman came up in, I went down and ask'd for my Boots : And the Ostler taking me for the Gentleman, brought his Boots to me, and was very obliging, asking how I lik'd my Lodging ? I told him, I made a shift with it for once : and so bidding him get my Horse ready, he did so ; and then paying what he demanded, and giving the Ostler Six-pence, he was very well pleas'd with his Money, and I with the exchange I had made with the Gentleman. And so rid away for *Edinburgh* as fast as I cou'd ride. But when I came to examine my Breeches Pockets, I found about 60 *l. Scots* in Silver, and thirty three Guinea's. Besides a good Watch, a Seal, and several

ral Papers, which I cou'd have wish'd he had had again, for they were of no use to me.

And here I cannot forbear diverting the Reader with what pass'd after I was gone, at the Inn, as I heard it from one at *Edinburgh*, in four or five Days after, who was actually there, and little thought I had been the Party concern'd.

It seems the Gentleman, who had rid hard that Day, and went very late to bed, slept so soundly, that he never wak'd till about Nine a Clock in the Morning; and then missing his Bedfellow, and going to get up, he found none but the Soldier's Cloaths in the Chamber; which made him call for the Chamberlain, but he made no haste it seems to come to him, believing it to be only the Soldier that made that Noise; which caus'd the Gentleman to knock louder and make a bigger Noise; which so disturb'd the Chamberlain, that he cry'd out, *The Deel fill your Wemb full of sma Steans, for a lazy Loon: Can ye no come doorn your sell, and be down'd t' yee: Deel split my Wemb if I don't thrash your Jacket, an I come tul yee.* This kind of Language made the Gentleman almost distracted, and therefore taking one of the Blankets, and wrapping about him, he came down stairs, and ask'd him, *What he had done with his Cloaths, that he had nothing to put on?* Upon this, the Chamberlain runs up stairs and finding the Soldier's Cloaths lying in a Chair, takes 'em down in his Hand and ask'd the Gentleman, *What Deel gar'd him to mak such a Noise;* asking him *if he was blind?* For here, said he, is your Cloaths; *Why you cheating Dog,* said the Gentleman in a great Passion, *these are the Soldier's Cloaths that I*
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lay withal; *The Soldier's Cloaths!* said the Chamberlain, pray what Deel are ye but a Soldier? These are the Cloaths that you came hither in last Night, and they are like to serve you to Day. With that the Gentleman, being out of all Patience, falls upon him, and cuffs him stoutly: This Battel brings the Man o'th' House, and all the People into the Yard, to enquire into the Merits of the Cause: And the Gentleman telling his Story first, alledg'd, *That he came in thither late last Night, and the Beds being all taken up, he was content to lie with a Soldier rather than go farther: And this Morning when he wak'd, his Cloaths were gone, which (with what were in 'em) was worth above forty Pound Sterling: And now he won'd pop him off with the Soldiers Cloaths.* The Chamberlain and the Ostler both swore he was a lying Rogue; for the Gentleman that came last Night, went away this Morning, and paid honestly for what he had, both for himself and his Horse. Horse! said the Gentleman; *What is my Horse gone too? The Deel a bit of Horse had you, quo' the Ostler; but the Gentleman rid away upon his own Horse this Morning, and a benny Lad he was.* The Gentleman upon this made all the Proteſtations in the World, that it was he that brought in the Horse, desiring the People to judge whether his Shirt, and Rings upon his Finger, were consistent with such Cloaths as the Soldier left behind him. The Inn-keeper told him very civilly, *That he did believe he was a Gentleman; and was very sorry for his Loss; but said he, both the Chamberlain and the Ostler might be very easily mistaken in a Person that wore the same Cloaths, and came down asking for his Boots, and his Horse to be got ready, as it seems the Soldier did;*

did; who to be sure was an Artist in his Trade: All this did not satisfie the Gentleman, but he'd have the Innkeeper make good his Loss. Hold, Sir, said he, there's no other Witness of your Loss, but your self. And the very lying with a Soldier that you knew not, nor any in my House, was the greatest Folly imaginable; and so was your leaving of your Breeches in the Chair, which you ought to have put under your Pillow. And so you must e'en thank your self for your Loss, that's all the Comfort I can give you. And all the Persons in the Inn approving of what the Inn-keeper said, the Gentleman was fain to tarry there, till he had sent for his Friends to recruit him. This Story made the Company all laugh, at the Trick that was put upon the Gentleman, commending the Wit, tho' not the Honesty, of the Soldier.

I laugh among the rest, but for another reason, which was, That I was the principal Actor, in this Comedy, tho' I didn't think it proper to let them know so much.

But to return from this Digression. The first thing I did when I come to Edinburgh, was to sell my Horse, which I did for 5 l. Sterling, and then with that Money I bought a Mourning Suit of Cloaths, and laid up the Suit I exchang'd with the Gentleman till a more convenient time. And then I resolv'd to see the City, there being none that in that Garb I feared to meet.

After I had walk'd thro' the City, and survey'd the lofty Buildings in the High-Street, I took a View of the Palace call'd Holy-Rood House, and afterwards went up, and beheld the Castle, which is really a very strong place; and
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over-tops the City abundantly. And having so far satisfy'd my self, I design'd a Visit to my Landlady at the *Tolbooth*, but was prevented by what I never thought of, I mean a Fit of Sickness, which brought me to the Doors of Death, and whether I shall recover or not, is yet a question among my Physicians: If I do, the World shall hear further from me. If I die, let this be my Epitaph:

*Here lies a Wretch with Darknes now benighted,
Who, while he liv'd, in Wickedness delighted:
Whose Life in nothing else employ'd has been,
But traversing the various Paths of Sin:
He liv'd by others Losses, and wou'd still
Be studying new Ways of doing ill:
He scap'd the Gallows narrowly, but Death
Attack'd him by surprize, and stopp'd his Breath.
Of whom I'll say, now he i'th' Grave is hurl'd,
Here lies the Plague and Nuisance of the World.*

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